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SEGA SETS THE PACE FOR 1994!

This is going to be a very good year for Sega. Why? Because they dominated the Winter CES! Not only did they have a whole slew of great games ready for the first six months of the year, but they also were talking about a lot of great projects they have in store for the future like Saturn, modular cartridges and a whole new generation of CD software. And their archrival Nintendo? Promises, promises and more promises. I have to give the Big N credit, though—Super Metroid was the game of the show, but beyond that, Nintendo really didn't have much that was really exceptional.

Here's my read on the ongoing Sega vs. Nintendo battle that continued at this CES:

New machines: Sega's Saturn wasn't at the show. Sega did run a video tape that talked about Saturn and showed a few of the work-in-progress game screens. What we could see were near-perfect arcade clones of Daytona, Virtua Racing and Virtua Fighters. It looked very impressive! Nintendo had monitors set up that ran demonstrations of unbelievably realistic 3-D polygon scenes. They easily blew away what Sega was showing. The only problem was that these images were being generated by a jillion dollar CG work station underneath the table skirts (see pix in Interface column). Oops!

Systems sold to date: There has always been an ongoing battle between Nintendo and Sega as to who was number one. Each company would publish different numbers and there was no way to find out who was correct. That was, until now. There is a tracking service called TRSTS (Toy Retail Sales Tracking Service) and they provide a nationwide unbiased accounting of sales in the video game industry. During the all-important Christmas shopping month of November, TRSTS reports that Sega sold 63 percent of all the 16-Bit video game systems.

Consumer Friendliness: For lack of a better name, Sega is aware that games are getting very expensive. Now that FX and SVP chips are being added to carts, 16-Bit games will soon approach the \$100 mark. Sega is doing something about it. It's all very simple; sell a mini-cart with the SVP chip on it and the new games on plug-in boards. Smart, very smart. Not only for the consumer, but also for the third-party licensees who don't have to raise the game costs to cover the special chips. Taking notes Nintendo?

There's more, like the game ratings. Looks like Sega read my January editorial about making their game ratings more visible. And boy were they! Every game at CES and each piece of literature had their game rating prominently displayed. Good job, Sega. Now if only we can get the other game mags to do the same.

Now, about Saturn? How about showing it at June CES and bringing it out in November?

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3DO UPDATE

I have been thinking about buying a 3DO system, but it is just too hard to rationalize shelling out \$700 for the system. Has there been any more news about the Sanyo and AT&T versions of the system? Perhaps with a little competition, the price may drop to a reasonable level.

David Shane
Phoenix, AZ



Sanyo U.S. states that it's 3DO has been put on hold until sales pick up!

(Ed, Well Dave, there seems to be several different opinions as to the status of the Sanyo and AT&T systems. After we ran the article in last month's column about Sanyo and AT&T backing off on producing their own systems, people at Panasonic and 3DO were quick to say that it wasn't true and they asked for a retraction. In fact Mr. Patrick Barrett of

Panasonic's Midwest Office even sent us photocopies of the articles that ran in some of the techie publications. These articles, if should be noted, just regurgitated Trip Hawkins flowery "State of the Union" speech that he made about the 3DO at the Winter CES.

First of all, we have to say that our information came from articles that appeared in some of the major Japanese newspapers and trade journals. While the Japanese and American markets are indeed different, many of the worldwide policy decisions from the Japanese based companies come from Japan rather than the U.S.

In addition, something seems rotten in Denmark. Before CES Sanyo (Japan) and AT&T said they were seriously considering not making their own version of the 3DO.

At CES Trip Hawkins announced that both companies were going ahead with their versions of the systems.

Now, only one month later, our foreign correspondent in Japan faxed us this new article:

"Sanyo made it clear that it will freeze its plans to develop and manufacture its proprietary 3DO format player. Having exhibited a prototype of a 3DO format player at this year's Winter CES, it was believed certain that Sanyo would launch its own hardware. However its plans have now been shelved.

Sanyo claims that because of the pricing of hardware, it would be difficult to hope for

rapid proliferation of 3DO.

In fact, America's AT&T, which was also expected to manufacture and sell its own 3DO format player, has abandoned development in-house and switched to OEM sales of Matsushita Electric hardware. [i.e. Matsushita's product will be sold under the AT&T brand name.]

Sanyo claims that if it appears 3DO's market will expand, it will again consider sales of its own [3DO] products."

The above article was run in the Japanese magazine—Dengeki Super Famcom, issue No. 2.

Who do you believe? Trip Hawkins who says everything is cool, or the Japanese who apparently have cold feet about 3DO.

Was our last month's article wrong? No. The Japanese are very careful about where they invest their time and money and Sanyo's most recent announcement confirms their pre-CES "wait and see" attitude.

In checking the accuracy of our correspondent's information we called both Sanyo and AT&T to check up on Trip's statement.

Sanyo sent us a copy of the press release they issued on January 6, 1994 (the first day of CES) that states "...[Sanyo is] continuing to study [the] potential for the product in the U.S." Hmmm. Not quite as definite as Trip's statement. Looks like the system is still on hold.

AT&T's Steve Rand confirmed that "AT&T is still negotiating its sourcing arrangements for a 3DO Interactive Multiplayer." That is, AT&T will not make their own system but instead, they will put their name on someone else's (who else but Matsushita/Panasonic?) system.

That's the story. Bottom line, Sanyo is on indefinite hold and AT&T is not going to do their own system. Of course, like anything else in this industry, this information could change tomorrow. We'll keep you posted as to any updates.)



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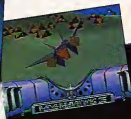
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LETTER OF THE MONTH!

If you think you have what it takes to contribute to society, go write to Newsweek. If, however, you have a thought or opinion that fellow gamers would particularly find crazy, we'd love to immortalize you with a special edition EGM T-shirt proclaiming your fondness of and psychosis to video games!

Dear EGM:
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So long, (Grrrrr!)
Big Rex
P.S. I LOVE YOU!
P.P.S. I personally like chair number D.



Ha-ha Big Rex, we know you're Really Robbin McGowen. (It's on the envelope!) Thanks for the letter, we got a few laughs. Personally we pick chair G (the lamp). Anyway, you qualify as a true psycho. Give my regards to Barney.

A FIGHTER'S FANTASY...

IKROMA

...is missing from the market was either missing from the market, or it was damaged before it was manufactured.

If they do come out, which company will manufacture them?

Steven Dieringer
North Canton, OH



With more characters and moves, World Heroes 2 Jet is on the way.

I was wondering if there are any more Neo-Geo fighting carts on the way? After all, it is the 'fighting game' system. How about a World Heroes 3? Or how about a new Fatal Fury? Let's not forget Shodown either! I already know about Art of Fighting 2, but I want more.

David Spencer
Springfield, IL

(Ed. SNK's latest fighting games have really gained popularity, especially Samurai Shodown. That's why we're happy to announce that Takara will be releasing Samurai Shodown for the Super NES. While no release date was set, you can bet we'll be looking forward to this one. As for World Heroes 2, no one has officially picked this title up for a 16-bit release, (though WH 2 has come out for the Super CD-ROM in Japan.) But anything is possible, especially if all you fighting gurus have your way. Also, you might want to check out the Arcade Action section for a first glimpse at World Heroes 2 Jet. It's the latest fighting cart in the series. It's done similarly to Fatal Fury Special. As to another Samurai Shodown ... only time will tell but they are certainly in our favor.)

INTERFACE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW GAMES ARE NO FUN

What's the deal in video game land? Everyone in the industry is hung up on the capabilities and special tricks of systems while the development of games is ignored. At home, between my brothers and me, we have a Genesis, a Sega CD, two Super NESes, two NESes, two GameBoys, a Lynx and a TurboGrafx 16. At college, I was only allowed to bring my NES, since by brothers own all the other systems. My point is, I have more fun playing my old Slalom and Super Mario games here at college than I do with all the sophisticated equipment at home. When I do go home, I make a break for the GameBoy and play the new Zelda, Metroid and Final Fantasy games. When I go to the malls and see the 3DO and CD-i on display, I am impressed by the capabilities, but not the games. They are simply not as fun to play as they are to watch, I am almost looking forward to another market collapse so that another system like the NES will appear and remain simple and play games that are just plain fun. Improved graphics, sound and capabilities are important and exciting. But if overall quality and capability are sacrificed, what's the point?

Jonathan Muszynski
Marlboro, VT

Have any of you out there felt that your games are more work than fun? It might just be me, but I long for the days of the old Atari 2600. Back then games were fun to play. We weren't concerned with 'beating' a game. We played to see how long we could last or how many points we could score. You just don't see that any more. Graphics are a nice touch, but they don't make a game. A good example is with the full-motion video. It just doesn't have the interaction that I like. It may be fine for some, but I think we should try getting back to the basics.

Andrew Stevens
Orlando, FL

(Ed. Your point may be a bit one-sided about games not being much fun anymore. Role-playing games still offer the best bang-for-the-buck since many cannot be beaten in two sittings. Shooters, on the other hand, have become quite boring except for a few nifty ideas thrown in to spice the game up like R-Type III.)

WHAT IF!

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...Sonic hit Gulle's Sonic Boom?

...Ha-Hork was really a word?

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...All kids liked spiked bat?

...Elvis was a hidden character in Mortal Kombat 2?

...Mega Man built himself a girlfriend?

...CyberBoy did the same?

...Tails had 2 other parts?
Triton Chmil, Casa Grande, AZ

...Pandas could talk?

...The Princess finally wised up and took self-defense classes?

...We're really in virtual reality right now? (paranoia sets in...)

...Pong made a comeback?

...Godzilla took up breakdancing?

...Sushi X took his mask off? (It's gotta be Barney. I know it!)

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MK 2 ON JAGUAR?

I think fighting games have the best replay value and also are the most fun games to play. My question refers to the Jaguar. Are there any fighting games for it besides Kasumi Ninja? Also, does Atari or any of its licensees plan to gain the right to make Mortal Kombat and/or Mortal Kombat 2 and Super Street Fighter 2 for the Jaguar? Just imagine a perfect translation of Mortal Kombat 2 for less than 100 bucks. Just make sure all the gore is intact. Let me tell you. If I could play any of those games at home just like the arcades for a considerable less amount of money, I would be the first in line to buy a Jaguar system and I'm sure so would any other normal human being who has played any of those games at the arcades.

Yuan Jiang
Muncie, IL

(Ed. Any more fighting games for the Jaguar? Sorry, but Kasumi Ninja is the only one so far. It looks pretty impressive, but it isn't finished yet. The characters you see in the pictures are only placeholder graphics. The finished version will have digitized graphics similar to Mortal Kombat. And yes, there will be blood in this cart as well. As for MK 2, it seems highly unlikely, unless Acclaim becomes an Atari licensee, since Acclaim has first right of refusal for all Midway games.)

SCALING ON GENESIS?

When I heard Wolfenstein 3-D was coming home to the SNES, I was overjoyed. Then I found out that it was changed from the PC. Is it Nintendo's influence? It must be. My question is: Is it coming to the Genesis? Would it be intact?

Tommy Finn
Seattle, WA

(Ed. Good news! Imagineer has announced that they are doing a Wolfenstein 3-D for the Genesis, and it's supposed to be just like the computer version! It's going to be roughly 10-15 Meg, with everything intact.)



Wolfenstein 3-D is already on the SNES, and on its way to the Genesis.

POSTCARD PARANOIA!

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This month's winners are some real dogs. If you think you've got what it takes to top these winners, then break a pen and send your postcards addressed to Interface: Letters to the Editor.

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A sick joke, but then again, we're sick people. Congrats go out to Jeremy Hoffert of Spokane, WA.

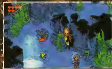


Troy Halowell of Salt Lake City, Utah, is the weirdo who sent us this twisted photo of the Pres and her man. Ha ha.



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BEHIND THE SCREENS...

In your September issue (Volume 6, issue 9) there was a Behind the Screens article that was an interview with Masaya Hashimoto and Yuzo Koshiro and their efforts in the making of Enix's new title, ActRaiser 2. First of all, let me say that I love these interviews with the programmers because it gives us all an insight that we would not have without you guys. I really would love to see more of these articles explaining the inner workings of games. It is especially interesting to me because I wish to go into the field of game programming and design and particularly music/sound composition. That's why I enjoyed the interview with Koshiro, who I believe is one of the finest music programmers in the industry. I would really appreciate it if you could explain what goes into the musical score of a game... How do you get music saved on a keyboard to a SNES game? I need to know.

Colin Day
Englewood, CO

(Ed. Behind the Screens interviews with famous players in the industry are always fun to do, but are also a lot of work as well. For instance, when setting up the interview with Yuzo Koshiro and Masaya Hashimoto, we had to go through a translator which then went to Yuzo and Masaya over the phone! Lalaly on my many trips to California, I've been visiting the companies for interviews which became Special Features. In the future, we'll try to focus more on these subjects. As to your question on transferring keyboard music to cartridge, it would be best if we left the answer to the experts. But that's a subject for another issue...)

NINTENDO PULLS A FAST ONE!

What is the latest scoop on Nintendo's 64-Bit Project Reality? Although it sounds like a dream, there has to be more news on what they are doing. Was there a unit running at CES? Is anybody developing for it yet? What did Nintendo say about it at CES? Can they get it out by the Fall of 1995? Will it be a CD or cart machine? How does it compare with the Jag, or Saturn or Sony's machine? Finally, can Nintendo really sell it for \$250?

Bill Knotts
St. Louis, MO

(Ed. Lots of questions there Bill! Unfortunately there aren't any definite answers yet. Here's our best guess. It appears to be real hard to believe that anybody can bring out a CD machine for \$250 so for that price it has to be cart only. They still claim that Fall of 95 is a real date but we'll see if they have a system at the Nintendo show. As to CES, Nintendo had some pretty impressive demos running. The 3-D polygon graphics blew away anything we've seen to date. Unfortunately when we lifted the table skirt and saw a million dollar SG system secretly running the demos we weren't quite as impressed. The Project Reality (there is nothing Real yet) is just all smoke at the present time. They wouldn't even talk about it at the press meeting!)



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A DISGRUNTLED SEGA FAN...

I just want to start out by saying your magazine is the best. However, I have to disagree with your ratings for the Genesis and Sega CD. You gave the Genesis 8,8,7,8 and the Sega CD 6,7,7,6. I don't think that is fair of you. Why? Well you gave the SNES all 9's and that machine (in my opinion) definitely isn't the best. Just because the SNES has more available colors and more on-screen colors available than the Genesis doesn't mean a damn thing. Everyone is always praising the Genesis for its spectacular speed. And with games like Aladdin and Mortal Kombat (and many others), the system has really taken off this year. I personally think the Genesis is a better machine.

Lastly, all this bureaucratic crap the government is doing with "sexual" and violent (bloody) games has gotten out of hand. I think all the publicity these games are getting (Night Trap and Mortal Kombat) will only drive more people to buy them to satisfy their curiosity. If that's what the government wants to do then fine, but let the "mature" adolescent decide what games to play. I read somewhere that parents are worried their kids will attempt to do Fatality Moves. Then it is the parents' fault for teaching their children the difference between real and make believe.

**Kyle Heon
Acton, NE**

(Ed. We all are entitled to our opinions Kyle. We respect yours, but our Review Crew felt that the SNES had a better year overall. When compared side-to-side, games like NBA Jam, and Street Fighter 2 appeared better on the SNES than their Genesis counterparts, and... just as fast. Sure, a few games have a little slow-down, but doesn't the Genesis as well? We are not saying the Genesis is not a good system, but we felt it was not the best. Our feelings on the Sega CD were based on the games we had seen at the time. Still in its first generation, we didn't see any really good "knock-your-socks-off" titles. Now that Sonic CD has appeared, plus Tomcat Alley, Jurassic Park and Ground Zero, Texas, the system has become more viable. At the time of the reviews, we were not impressed by the full-motion video games, where we had limited interaction. Now, Sega and its licensees are breaking down the barriers with their next generation softs.

As for the government—I don't really like the idea of government attention. Word has it that Night Trap is going to be pulled from store shelves, and replaced by a milder version. I guess even mighty Sega is buckling under the pressure. More on this another time...)

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REVIEW CREW

33 GAMES REVIEWED!!!

Sonic 3, Super Fattibunk 2, Super Pinball, Sengoku, Winter Extreme, Widdick Bowe Boxing, Metal Combat, Pirates of Dark Water, Flashback, Claymates, Legend, F-117A: Night Storms, Lotus 2, Skitschin, Pro Maves Soccer, Bella's Quest, Jurassic Park, Bubble and Squawk, Hoar of the Beast, Dragon's Revenge, Prince of Persia, Microosom, Monster Manor, Noidax, Kather, Dime CD, Dime Dudes, Caesar's World of Boxing, Lommings, Malibu Bikini Volleyball, Micro Machines, Alfred Chickas, Desert Strike

MEET THE REVIEW CREW!



ED SEMRAD

Ed's feet are rosey red since he spanned the WCES talking to everyone. We're pretty sure now that his legs are cybernetically enhanced to survive the shows.

Current Favorite Games:

Sonic 3; Super Metroid; Virtua Racing



DANYON CARPENTER

Danyon's just about dead. After wandering about CES, he had the strangest deja vu by seeing a girl who looked almost exactly like his sister at a huddle bar.

Current Favorite Games:

Dragon Ball Z 2, NBA Jam SNES, Sonic 3



AL MANUEL

This little bugger has his hands full now that he's picked up Mega Man X. We've had to use dura-strength titanium wires to keep him fastened to his chair.

Current Favorite Games:

Mega Man X; NBA Jam SNES; Sonic 3.



SUSHI-X

This rarely seen ninja has popped in to the CES to see if there were any new lightning carts to be had. It's rumored that he's tired of his mask. Hmmmm.

Current Favorite Games:

MK II, Pooky and Rocky 2, NBA Jam



MIKE WEIGAND

Al and Dondo got Major Mike addicted to Anime, so he pretty much has his hands full. Mike's also been looking for ways to keep warm during the recent cold spell.

Current Favorite Games:

Mega Man X; Samurai Shodown; Dracula X.

GAME OF THE MONTH

Genesis

Sega

Sonic 3

Action

Release: Now

Levels: N/A

N/A Meg



ED SEMRAD

Sonic 3 is simply the perfect Sonic game. It beats out all the previous Sonics with outstanding graphics, more hidden items and new items like the many types of shields. While the music is not as good as the CD version, I'm not expecting a tube. It's still really well done. The bonus levels give the average player a fair chance this time, unless those "Lunets" of part 2. It seems unlikely that Sega will be able to top this one.

AL MANUEL

I actually like this game better than the CD version. The game seems to be a bit better in many areas. The 3 bonuses of awesome new items filled with incredible bonuses. I didn't know were possible with the Genesis. The added bonuses of power-up shields make the game a total blast. Even though this isn't a CD game, the graphics and music are outstanding. This is the greatest Sonic adventure yet!



DANYON CARPENTER

Sonic 3 completely blows away everything you've ever seen in an action game. This game improves upon the original series! The different shields that can be used as weapons is a great touch and having an extra attack while jumping is wild. Of course, there are tons of secret passages, excellent background detail, great music and a welcome game save feature. Can Sega do any better? It doesn't seem possible.

SUSHI-X

This one definitely tops any of the previous Sonic versions. The levels are as huge as always and there's still tons of hidden stuff. What makes this a bit better was the cool bonus rounds, the new weapons and the new split screen zones. This game is fun with a friend and has a ton of replay value. Great graphics and good sounds are Sonic's trademark and this cart packs all the old pizzas and more.

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Super Battletank 2 Absolute / Super NES

This is an excellent sequel to Super Battletank, and comes at you with more of everything: more camera views, more weapons and a dynamite air-strikesman bomb weapon. Fans of the first just check 'em out.

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ED GANE AL SUSHI MIKE

Super Pinball American Technos / Super NES

Super Pinball is probably the best looking home pinball game out there, but that's about it. The game play gets very tedious and "booby" as things progress. Pinball fans, however, will want to take a look at it.

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ED GANE AL SUSHI MIKE

Sengoku Data East / Super NES

This game has an interesting concept as you can change into different types of fighters, yet it just doesn't come together. The two-player simultaneous play is a plus, but the unrefined laughs (like the "rooster noises" sound) is...

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ED GANE AL SUSHI MIKE

Winter Extreme Electrobrain / Super NES

An interesting attempt at showing a different type of sports. Get ready to test your reflexes with this perspective-type skiing game. Incredible Mode 7 and challenging play are the true skins of this one.

8 7 7 7 7
ED GANE AL SUSHI MIKE

Riddick Bowe Boxing Extreme / Super NES

Quite simply this is the best boxing game for the SNES out there. The punches of your player are incredibly easy to do and it controls like a dream. Perhaps the highlights are the "come on, son!" taunts that draw opponents.

9 6 7 7 7
ED GANE AL SUSHI MIKE

Super NES	Nintendo
Metal Combat	
Shooter	Release: Now
Levels: N/A	N/A Meg



Nintendo has done it again. When they take their time, the games turn out very good. Metal Combat is no exception. This Super Scope game (believe it or not) has technique and strategy. No longer can you just shoot at your enemy, you must find weaknesses and use a host of shields and bombs. The graphics are good, and the two-player mode is a welcome feature. Wait till you see the last guy!

I've never really liked the Super Scope games, but this one comes pretty well. The game controls OK, but don't be precise with the Super Scope just isn't so easy. The difficulty isn't hard enough until the later levels where it becomes extremely frustrating. The enemies may be cool but the whole concept gets old quickly. Nintendo usually doesn't disappoint me with their games, this one just isn't my favorite.

Nintendo never ceases to amaze. Like most of their games, Metal Combat comes through loaded with some incredible graphics and colorful backgrounds and characters. One all the cool mech dodging and light against you. There are lots more options. The best feature of the game is the Two-Player Mode where one player can actually use any of the on-screen enemies and fire at the Super Scope user. Great shooter!

The best thing about this game is its incredible Two-Player Mode where one player can become the enemy. The graphics and backgrounds are very colorful and the mech designs are great. I'm not a big fan of guns including the Scope, so rather use a controller for more precise feel; however, for a Super Scope game this is one of the best. Loaded with action and lots of options, it will keep you playing for a while.

Super NES	Sunsoft
Pirates of Dark Water	
Action	Release: March
Levels: 8	8 Meg



Though the controls of this game are outstanding, a number of instant hit enemies constantly appear, like those hard dogs and this is very annoying. There's not enough variety in the enemies, also. What makes this game good is the story and challenge to it. The story and level is a nice touch. The graphics are good, and the ending is long. This game works well as a two-player game. Most impressive Sunsoft.

If side-scrolling beat-'em-ups are your type of games, then Pirates of Dark Water will keep you happy. The three characters have a lot of special attacks to bash heads and the blocking ability comes in handy at times. The levels have good variety to them with items to collect with in the background. The game also plays fast so you won't get bored quickly. Decent tunes help to round out this very fun and playable game.

The part I noticed first was the exceptional control the game has. Although each character possesses some devastating moves, most of the winning tactics are nothing new. The graphics are average and the music can get a bit annoying. My big beef is the cheap hits you get from dogs and certain enemies that fly across the screen so fast, you can't help but get hit. Still, it's a decent game for fighting fans.

This is basically a Final Fight type of game with a pirate twist. There are some cool tricks and enemies to keep you interested through the levels. The graphics are decent but not excellent. I prefer to see the characters a little larger and a few original type of play elements. The game controls great and there are plenty of levels to keep you playing. A good game but it needs some new techniques to score higher.

Super NES	U.S. Gold
Flashback	
Action	Release: 1st Qtr. '94
Levels: 6	16 Meg



This is a great action/adventure cart unlike anything else. It has the same smooth animation that made the Genesis version so cool. The graphics appear to have been a bit slow at times. While it never gets slow at times, the awesome play more than makes up for it. The only peeve deals with the game being vague in what you're trying to do at times. If you like cyberpunk stuff, this is for you.

Flashback may be an old game, for Genesis owners anyway, but it's still fantastic nonetheless. Incredibly smooth animation and superb sound effects really draw you into the game. Even though there is a hint of slowdown at times, Flashback is a fast-paced game. The music is drastically improved over the Genesis version, too. The one drawback is that once you beat it, you always know how to beat it again.

Flashback is one incredible adventure game. This is everything the Genesis version is and more. The graphics are rich in color with some beautifully drawn backgrounds. While the cinematic slow down anyway? While the pace isn't slow at times, the tasks that you must accomplish turn the very involving action/adventure. I totally dig the smooth animation of the main guy. A must buy!

You have to check out the rich color and intense graphics of this game. Finally this game shows what the Genesis can really do graphically. Also the animation is near perfect. Some people may get bored with the adventure aspect but if you're into it, the game is interesting throughout. There are lots of tough puzzles to solve and excellent backgrounds at every scene. Even if you're into the other genres I'd still get it.

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MAJOR MIKE'S GAME ROUNDUP

Claymates Interplay / Super NES

Finally, after a long time in development, it's here. Claymates is a cute side-scrolling action game that excels in graphics and having tons of hidden items is a real treat. Also, the many characters you can change into are a plus.

8 7 6 7 7
ED BAND AL SUSI MIKE

Legend

Seika / Super NES

A good Golden Axe-ish sword-and-sorcery game with very long levels and thousands of enemies. However, there is really not too much diversity which is important in games like this. Nice Bosses though, especially the dragon.

8 7 6 6 7
ED BAND AL SUSI MIKE

GA F-117A Night Storm Electronic Arts / Genesis

Ugh! F-117A has a great idea, but is cursed with a fatal flaw: The actual flying and combat are too choppy, resulting in delayed action. The cinematics and other sections are well done, but the heart of the game just isn't there.

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ED BAND AL SUSI MIKE

Lotus 2

Lotus 2 is more of the same of the first Lotus game. One of the really nice features is the option to actually create your own race track. Otherwise, it is a standard racing game, with two-player head-to-head racing.

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ED BAND AL SUSI MIKE

MA-13 Skitchin' Electronic Arts / Genesis

Skitchin' has a theme similar to Road Rash in that you fight and battle at high speeds. The graphics are nice and the game has a lot of options (the nice Two-Player Mode!), but play it once and you get the idea.

7 5 6 5 6
ED BAND AL SUSI MIKE

Genesis	Acid
Pro Moves Soccer	
Sports	Release: Now
Levels: N/A	4 Meg



This is a good game of soccer. It's easy to learn and the voices are above average for the system. It would have been better if you could name your players as well as your team. The graphics are crap and slow, but I found the players a bit too small. Pro Moves Soccer would be a good cart to purchase if you like soccer. There are lots of options, and plenty of ways to score. Overall I recommend it.

Soccer games are usually bland but Pro Moves Soccer was a riot. The play control, although a bit awkward at first, became much more natural feeling. The graphics are very clean and the sound is decent, but the voices sound a bit grungy. The computer offers a big challenge, but it's much better against another player, since the computer likes to cheat at times. Overall, this is one of the best soccer games out.

Please understand that I am not a big fan of sports video games. So, I pretty much won't like this one. On the plus side, I think the graphics are done well, although they are a bit blurry. I also thought the voices were done very well, with the calls for many moves in the game. The game played fairly well, but I just didn't like the low-scoring game. The game is pretty slow and boring. Soccer fans should look into this, though.

The overhead view is kind of refreshing for a change but the game just doesn't look sharp. The characters are also small and it's hard to make out some of the important actions, not a big fan of sports games and this one doesn't compare to the voices are surprisingly good, but the graphics need to be a bit more intense for my taste. However, the control works rather well and soccer fans will find it fun.

Genesis	Sunsoft
Belle's Quest	
RPG	Release: Now
Levels: 5	8 Meg



Belle's Quest is going to be a great game for young girls. It might also be a good RPG for young boys and experienced players. It has good graphics, especially in the backgrounds. The story is a nice fairy tale, and its nice looking cinematic displays help round out this cart. The control of Belle surprised me as using a button is not what anybody would expect. Still, it wasn't hard to get used to. Not bad!

OK, role-playing games are what I truly enjoy and Belle's Quest isn't a bad effort. The storyline is cool and the graphics are really top-notch. Being an animation when she walks is one of the best yet, even though she does move agonizingly slow. But what's with these "temporary setbacks"? Can't Belle duck anyway, it's a decent RPG for the younger crowd. Both boys and girls will enjoy it.

Although I like the animated movie, I guess you could say that I'm a little disappointed with Belle's Quest the video game. Yes, the graphics are very nice as is the game, but the part about the game, I didn't like the most was the awkward control of Belle. Using a button to duck may confuse some people. As a game for young girls add a couple of points to the rating. For average players, this doesn't cut it.

Nobody better call me a sissy but I really enjoyed the animated film. The game follows the movie in a more cinematic manner than action. Basically it plays like an adventure game with puzzles and mazes. The animation and graphics are good plus the music is decent and right out of the movie. I think kids can get into it with the fun and simple bonus rounds. Hardcore players may dog it but it's got an audience.

Sega CD	Sega
Jurassic Park	
Action	Release: Now
Levels: N/A	CD-ROM



Jurassic Park makes good use of the CD's capabilities, but the effects of running down the road and through the trees look awfully cheesy. The backgrounds of the actual game are really good looking, with little surprises in the background to make it affect. The sound effects are really top notch, and enhance the effect of being there. The puzzles are good, but I wish there was more to interact with. It's a good game.

I just can't seem to get into this one. The idea is nice but the execution comes off more poorly than anticipated. The point and click interface is slow and the little educational scenes aren't bad either. The problem comes in that the game is simply way too easy. The soundtrack, however, is very good and really helps to set the mood through the game. JP offers some good thrills, but the fun wears off after a while.

This is one of those point and click games that I don't get into very much. I think those games should stay off the computer. Although there are some action sequences, I just found the pace of the game too slow. I do like the excellent graphics getting CD soundtracks. Also, see the many areas in the background where players can get a small education on the various dinosaurs. A very nice touch to a decent game.

The point and click mode make it more of an adventure game, but the puzzles aren't very complex and the movement is a bit choppy. Its strength is the video footage of the Jurassic Park complex and especially the dinosaurs. Fans of the movie will enjoy it a lot, but the average player may find it boring. The graphics are a bit grainy for video footage, but the sounds and sights are good for a CD game.

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MAJOR MIKE'S GAME ROUNDUP

GA Bubble and Squeak Sunsoft / Genesis

This is a game geared more toward younger players. B&S requires more than just jumping and killing enemies—there is also teamwork and strategy involved. The graphics are also very nice including the multi-scrolling.

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ED DAND AL SUSHI MIKE

GA Roar of the Beast Sunsoft / Genesis

The second of the two Beauty and the Beast games. This one is geared for young boys but even considering the age group, it just doesn't control as well as it should. The graphics are above average and eye appealing.

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ED DAND AL SUSHI MIKE

MAZ3 Dragon's Revenge Tengen / Genesis

"I level!" This sequel to Dragon's Fury offers a completely different pinball board, and lots of new bonus rounds. Some of the graphics (of beautiful women) are also very well done. If you like pinball games, then...

8 8 6 6 6
ED DAND AL SUSHI MIKE

MAZ3 Prince of Persia Tengen / Genesis

An excellent conversion of the classic action game. This one is a little greater than the other home versions (remember, this is Genesis). Lots of strategy and technique will keep one playing for hours.

8 8 8 8 7
ED DAND AL SUSHI MIKE

MAZ3 Microcosm Psychnesis / Sega CD

This game's plot seems to be right out of the movie Fantastic Voyage. You battle it out inside someone's veins. This is a cool idea, but the game gets repetitious and boring. Sifting through the weapons is difficult.

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ED DAND AL SUSHI MIKE

300 Electronic Arts

Monster Manor

Action Release: Now
Levels: 12 CD-ROM



This is one of those games you either like or hate. I like this game. Its first-person perspective is rendered really well. The ghosts and other things really gave me the creeps. I wish there could have been more furniture in the house since that perhaps some of the levels could have been less maze-like. It would add to the realism. It plays quite well (except for the occasional instant death). Overall, pretty good.

Monster Manor is a very cool 3D0 game. While it bears a striking resemblance to many other first-person shooters, Monster Manor takes on a different flair. The scrolling is smooth and the graphics aren't overly blocky up close. The music is truly spectacular and really gives you the creeps, especially the screams! The enemies are beautifully drawn and add to the creepiness only Monster Manor can deliver.

I thought this game would be a bore. Well, what do you know? This isn't bad at all. The graphics are great, all the dark detail of a horror game and the music is frightening as well. I loved the occasional screams. They sent chills down my spine. I just wish there was a way to run or move through the house a little faster. Turning your guy around is also a bit slow. A good buy to add to your collection.

If you like the Wolfenstein 3-D maze type of games, then you'll like this one. The ghosts and ghosts of your creepy feel. The dark, gloomy scene sounds add to the frightening mayhem. It can get a bit boring, instant since there are a lot of demons in the house, except for monsters. The game plays like a little more control of the character, but the graphics and sounds will make this a pleasant haunting.

Jaguar Atari

Raiden

Shooter Release: Now
Levels: 8 N/A Meg



Raiden is one of the most intense arcade shooters around. While it has been done on every format, this is the best one. Everything is here and the game just screams high-tech. Average players beware! Lightning-quick reflexes required, otherwise you will die quickly. Not the best example of the genre capabilities, it is a major improvement over Trevor and overall an outstanding shooter.

Despite what my comrades say about this game, I think Raiden is an above average shooter. While it never got my attention from me in the arcade, Raiden does offer plenty of excitement, especially in the later levels. The music really shows what the Jaguar can do, it given enough time. Plethora of power-ups, nice bombs and big Bosses add up to a fun time. Now, if we can only see more games like this.

I expected a lot more from a 64-Bit system. Although this is virtually identical to the arcade, I can't really say that I'm crazy about it. Your ship moves around the screen too slowly, making it tough to dodge shots and their bullets. That's also a problem. At times the bullets are hard to see, so you would get hit easily. About the only thing I did like was the sound and the different level music. Arcade fans should be pleased.

The good part is that this version is almost identical to the arcade game. The bad part is that it just isn't that good. The problem is the tons of bullets that cover the screen and they never do blend into the background. This gets very frustrating and takes away from the enjoyment. Also the ship moves too slow to do any major maneuvering. It looks decent but even the graphics could be better for a 64-Bit.

CD-I Philips

Kether

Action Release: Now
Levels: N/A CD-ROM



Kether is a strange title indeed. It has a number of different games in it. The flying sequence controls was interesting and the "Simon says" puzzle game was a surprise. The other games pretty neat though. The main graphics look great, especially while flying. The sound is also interesting, and it's non-linear, leading to longer game play. If you have a CD-I, this game will interest you. It's that good.

Well... it's different alright. Kether is one of those bizarre titles you should not forget after playing. The shooter sequences are the most breathtaking and fantastic background music. The 3-D maze game is decent but the concentration-type game only grates you after awhile. Overall, the combination of these games is a neat idea. The CD-I hasn't had its day yet but games like this make it stand out.

I really don't know what to make of this game. Just what kind of game is Kether, anyway? It's a shooter. It's a puzzle game. It's a role-playing game. It's many different things, but good from a variety of viewpoints. But I just wished it stayed in only one category! I feel the graphics are probably the best I have ever seen and the sound and music are top-notch, but the pace was too slow. It's just OK.

This game has many different aspects to it. At first it looks like a flight simulator, then it has a game of concentration, followed by a 3-D maze game. It's a rather weird combination, but I enjoyed the variety. Each game in itself isn't great, but the collection keeps you interested even if it's to see what's next. It may seem a bit odd but the individual parts are fun to play. If you have a CD-I this may be your bag.

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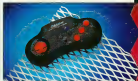
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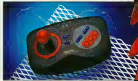
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MAJOR MIKE'S GAME ROUNDUP

GA

Dune CD

Virgin / Sega CD

This is a pretty involving game, with some incredible digitized graphics taken right out of the movie. RPG fans will love this one, and the flying sequences are very well done. One of the better Sega CD games.

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ED DANO AL SUSHI MIKE

Dino Dudes

Atari / Jaguar

Dino Dudes is, essentially, Lemmings and Humans for the Jaguar. If you like strategy games of that type, then you'll probably find it of interest. The graphics are pretty good and the control is adequate. An OK game.

7 7 6 6 6
ED DANO AL SUSHI MIKE

Caesar's World of Boxing

Phillips / Phillips CD-I

Like most Phillips CD-I games, CWOB has superb graphics. But in terms of an actual boxing match, it is better to call it a simulation, where strategy is more important than punching speed. Easily the best boxing game yet!

8 8 7 7 8
ED DANO AL SUSHI MIKE

Lemmings

Atari / Lynx

Lemmings has always been a good strategy game, and the Lynx version continues the tradition. Some of the levels are huge, and there are lots of options like turning the music on and off and an essential Password feature.

7 7 6 7 7
ED DANO AL SUSHI MIKE

Malibu Bikini Volleyball

Atari / Lynx

MBV has very good graphics, but its main failing is its game play. Trying to hit the ball is quite a task, and you will probably end up missing it most of the time. There are plenty of options, including a Four-player Mode.

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ED DANO AL SUSHI MIKE

EDITORS' CHOICE: GOLD

NES	Soft. Toolworks
Alfred Chicken	
Action	Release: Now
Levels: 21	1 Meg



Alfred Chicken is the typical NES game. It has OK sound and graphics but neither are spectacular. The way the backgrounds are laid out, it's hard to tell where you can go, and what's a pit. This got boring. On the positive side, I liked the large levels. For the younger player (the one who still plays NES) this is an OK cart. With so few new NES carts, you'd better get this one quick!

Alfred Chicken was OK on the Super NES, but the noticeable lack of quality graphics and sounds really hurt the score. The levels are still huge and have lots of places to find and explore, some hidden ones. The game are right in front of you. The control is also pretty good as far as action games are concerned, but Alfred Chicken can and will grow old once you've explored every hidden area.

I just got into video games when 16-bit systems were introduced. So it's very hard for me to be impressed with an 8-bit game. Alfred Chicken has some OK graphics, a game with lots of places to search and explore. I also like the decent play control, something I need to place much emphasis on. I say I'm crazy about the sound which I found to be a bit annoying. If you're happy with your 8-bit, this is pretty good.

The 8-bit is just about as dead as the GameBoy should be. There are some good games out there, but they are the exception rather than the rule. Alfred Chicken isn't a bad game, but on this platform it doesn't stand out from the rest. The graphics and sounds are decent for the system though. If you have to buy a new NES cart, this one does have decent control and lots to explore but it's not my type.

Game Gear	Codemasters
Micro Machines	
Driving	Release: Now
Levels: 27	2 Meg



Most people will probably skip over this cart, thinking that it's a loser. It's not. It is a fast-paced racer that has a lot of different tracks, vehicles and drivers. You can keep driving this cart over and over. It even has parallax in some of the tracks like on the table. The game is above all fun. It suffers from a bit of blurring sometimes, but not too much. This game is colorful and controls very well.

Fun, fun fun. Those are the three best words to describe Micro Machines. This game was good on the NES, GameBoy and yes, it's good on the Game Gear. The idea is so simple. Race a little car around the track against computer or human controlled opponents. The tracks are all unique with cute settings like table tops, garage floors and pool tables. If you're looking for a great game on the go, look no further.

This is one of the most entertaining portable games around. I love the humorous and cute theme of the game. The graphics are above average and the sound is good, even though it's 8-bit. The best part is you can choose from a large assortment of drivers and also choose a track to be your opponent. I love it. The many different cars and tracks are welcome. It gets a bit frustrating in some courses. A good game.

Like its 16-bit counterpart, this game is an exceptional racing game with lots of humorous pieces. I don't usually like racers, but this 8-bit game. The different tracks really make this a good racing game. Also the control is precise and there are lots of drivers and vehicles to choose from. With amusing, decent sounds and interesting backgrounds, it is one racer that you will want to keep on playing.

Lynx	Atari
Desert Strike	
Action	Release: Now
Levels: N/A	N/A Meg



Desert Strike is a good game in itself. But when played on the small screen, it loses some of its effect. Your bullets are almost invisible, and being exactly what the enemies are is pretty difficult. It controls well and the animation of the helicopter is good. Another down side is the lack of on-screen colors. They were too dark for me. At least it is something new, and Atari is on the right track with this popular title.

I must say that I was really looking forward to this one. Unfortunately my hopes were let down. Although the Lynx screen is large, everything was so small it's hard to tell what you're shooting at. Going in a dark room helps, though. The controls needed tightening up as it was too easy to lose the chopper instead of maneuvering it. The missions had variety to them and that adds up to some good fun.

I just couldn't get into this game. I found the controls awkward and hard to get used to. The graphics were unimpressive and to top it off, your assault on the enemy is hindered because it's very difficult to see your shots. I will say that the helicopter animation is very smooth and the sound is OK if you can handle audible sound. The many missions are nice, prolonging its play value. Otherwise, this just isn't my thing.

This game is just too hard to see and play on the smaller screens. As a 16-bit version there wasters of game play and strategy but it loses it all on the small screen. However the animation and graphics are good enough to get by. The best point is that there are a few missions to keep you busy in a portable game. It will take some time to get used to the controls but fans of the helicopter game can get into it.

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EGM'S HOT TOP TENS

TOP TEN GAMES THAT MOST DESERVE TO HAVE A SEQUEL

Major Mike again takes you into the realm of Top Ten with another exciting category! There are a lot of great games out there, but where are their sequels? ActRaiser recently had a sequel, and it was definitely up to expectations. Below are 10 games that scream for a follow-up. Hopefully we will see some sequels to some of these games soon!



#1
CASTLEVANIA IV
SNES / KONAMI



#2
CONTRA III
SNES / KONAMI



#3
SPACE SHERIFF
SNES / TORU



#4
CHAKAN
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SNES / CAPCOM



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SUPER MARIO WORLD
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STREET FIGHTER II
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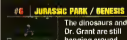
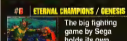
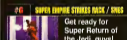
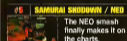
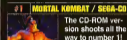
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#2	SAMURAI SHODOWN	NEO	7 Months	Δ
#3	ORACULA-X	DUO	5 Months	▽
#4	MEGA MAN X	SNES	5 Months	▽
#5	POCKY & ROCKY II	SNES	1 Month	-
#6	ACTRAISER 2	SNES	6 Months	Δ
#7	FATAL FURY 2	SNES	1 Month	-
#8	PUT-PUT GOES TO THE MOON	300	1 Month	-
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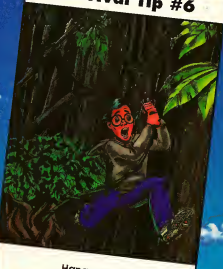
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#1	TETRIS 2 / NINTENDO 4 Months -
#2	KIRBY'S ADVENTURE / NINTENDO 6 Months -
#3	CONTRA FORCE / ROMANI 1 Month -
#4	DRIFTHOPSHIP POOL / MINDSCAPE 1 Month -
#5	ALIEN 3 / ACCLAIM 1 Month -
#6	NIIGHTY FINAL FIGHT / CAPCOM 1 Month -
#7	NIGEL MANGELL / GAMETEK 2 Months Δ
#8	BATTLESHIP / MINDSCAPE 1 Month -
#9	CAPTAIN PLANET / MINDSCAPE 1 Month -
#10	JURASSIC PARK / OCEAN 5 Months ∇

SUPER NES	
#1	MORTAL KOMBAT / ACCLAIM 5 Months Δ
#2	NHL HOCKEY '94 / EA SPORTS 3 Months Δ
#3	MADONN NFL '94 / EA SPORTS 3 Months ∇
#4	TECNO SUPER BOWL / TECNO 3 Months Δ
#5	LIFIA: FORTRESS OF SOOM / TAITO 1 Month -
#6	ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS / KOEI 1 Month -
#7	DISNEY'S ALADDIN / CAPCOM 3 Months ∇
#8	STREET FIGHTER 2 - TURBO / CAPCOM 4 Months -
#9	NHL STANLEY CUP HOCKEY / NINTENDO 2 Months -
#10	NBA SHOWDOWN / EA SPORTS 3 Months ∇

GENESIS	
#1	MORTAL KOMBAT / ACCLAIM 5 Months Δ
#2	NFL FOOTBALL '94 STANDING JOE MORGAN / SEGA 3 Months -
#3	MADONN NFL '94 / EA SPORTS 3 Months ∇
#4	NHL HOCKEY '94 / EA SPORTS 4 Months -
#5	ETESNA CHAMPIONS / SEGA 1 Month -
#6	SONIC SPINDALL / SEGA 2 Months ∇
#7	MR. FREEMAN / TENGEN 3 Months Δ
#8	TECNO SUPER BOWL HANDBALL / TECNO 1 Month -
#9	NFL WILSON COLLEGE FOOTBALL / EA SPORTS 5 Months -
#10	STREET FIGHTER 2 64 / CAPCOM 5 Months ∇

SEGA CD	
#1	GROUND ZERO, TEXAS / SONY IMAGESOFT 2 Months Δ
#2	JURASSIC PARK / SEGA 1 Month -
#3	BACKDOOR / SONY 1 Month -
#4	LETHAL ENFORCERS / KOYAMI 3 Months ∇
#5	NFL WILSON COLLEGE FOOTBALL / ELECTRONIC ARTS 1 Month -
#6	WWF EDGE IN THE GREEK / ACCLAIM 1 Month -
#7	DRACULA UNLEASHED / SEGA 1 Month -
#8	NIGHT THRAP / SEGA 11 Months -
#9	STELLAR FIRE / SIEMRA 2 Months Δ
#10	SONIC CD / SEGA 2 Months ∇

GAMEBOY	
#1	TETRIS 2 / NINTENDO 1 Month -
#2	SUPER MARIO LAND 2 / NINTENDO 14 Months Δ
#3	KIRBY'S PINBALL LAND / NINTENDO 2 Months Δ
#4	MORTAL KOMBAT / ACCLAIM 4 Months ∇
#5	SUPER MARIO LAND / NINTENDO 17 Months ∇
#6	LEGO'S OF ZILL: LUNA'S AMAZING / NINTENDO 6 Months ∇
#7	JURASSIC PARK / OCEAN 3 Months -
#8	TETRIS / NINTENDO 10 Months ∇
#9	CASTLEVANIA 4 / ROMANI 1 Month -
#10	YEGAI / NINTENDO 2 Months ∇

GAME GEAR	
#1	SONIC CHAOX / SEGA 2 Months Δ
#2	MORTAL KOMBAT / ACCLAIM 5 Months ∇
#3	WINTER OLYMPICS / U.S. GOLD 1 Month -
#4	STAR WARS / U.S. GOLD 3 Months Δ
#5	ROAD RANGER DESERT SPEEDTRAP / SEGA 1 Month -
#6	DESERT STING / ELECTRONIC ARTS 1 Month -
#7	PGA TOUR GOLF / TENGEN 1 Month -
#8	WORLD CUP SICCER / TENGEN 1 Month -
#9	LAND OF ILLUSION / SEGA 7 Months -
#10	FORMULA ONE / TENGEN 1 Month -

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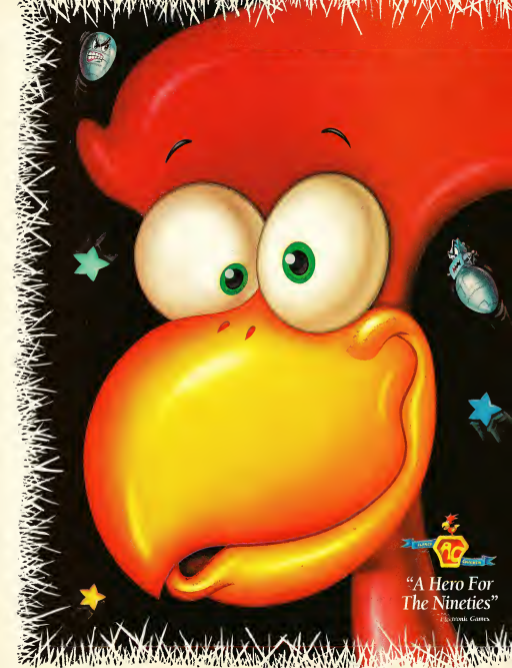
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PRIME BREAKS THRU TH-Q

...Open the blast doors, my loyal Q-followers, for the straight scoop from behind the lines of the recent CES: This report is quake-proof gamers, and is guaranteed to make you play smarter or your pizza's free! It was a glorious show my Q-friends, with yours truly making the rounds, hitting the parties, and getting the scoops on the hottest softs and gamewares headed for store shelves. While you can turn to the CES preview guide in this issue of EGM for the straight scoop on what scorched the show floor and what fell flat. Only on this page can you get the behind-the-scenes info on what was really popping at the greatest show on Earth...We start at the 3DO booth, where the Tripler was dodging criticism of his mega machine dream and the mixed results it was greeted with during the holiday season. The world's white shirt in the spotlight met his detractors head-on with the announcement that 3DO will likely go ahead with a PC version of their powerful game board. Alright, alright, I know I told you this about a year ago, but the Q is behind this move 100%. Although it takes it out of the video game realm, the PC market is probably the last hope this super system has for finding financial nirvana...Look for Beavis and Butt-head to make their way to a gaming platform near you. The Q-Mann has learned that Viacom is positioning their dysfunctional duo as the flagship license for their fledgling entree into the world of interactive media. Being interactive is cool, heh, heh, heh...

...Capcom is going for the Quartermann record for most procrastinating company on the face of the planet. How many Street Fighter 2 games are you guys going to make before you release Street Fighter 3? Are you stumped up or what? The Q-Minor has learned from sources inside Capcom that yet another version of SF2 will hit shores at the ACME coin-op show out in the windy city headquarters of EGM! At least the big-wigs gave it a creative name: Super Street Fighter 2 Turbo - whoopie! Don't even by the update path on this one guys, we want to see a new game! Just pass the Ex-Lax and get on with it!...When you think of Capcom, what game pops to mind? OK, besides SF2. Well, if you said Mega Man then you're no longer correct, since beginning with chapter six of this on-going saga the U.S. marketing will come to store shelves courtesy of Nintendo...Best fanzine? You guys are a riot...One thing the CES wasn't short on was big name pop culture stars making guest appearances. In addition to movie making powerhouse Steven Spielberg, nearly every comic company had reps peddling their titles for possible immortalization in pixels...

...Look for the Sony PS-X to make a bigger splash than anyone thought it might, courtesy of 3DO! Seems the honchos at Sony central in Japan were pleased with the results of their R&D dough, but were concerned that the market wouldn't be ready for a device that could do more than just play games. Now that 3DO has softened us consumers up, Sony feels that their product is superior and can easily move in for the kill!...First word of warning on the Nintendo/SGI partnership - the game developers are dying! Sure the SGI (even the stripped down Nintendo version will eventually sell) can produce some killer graphics, but there's only a handful of graphics gurus capable of pushing the machines to the limit. Why not hire them, you ask? Because they all work for SGI! Seriously, SGI and other independent outfits are trying to bring game developers up to speed, but the complexity of the development systems are leaving most people scrambling to get something on the screen by the time the hardware hits next year...It's official: Sculptured Software will be doing the honors for the Super NES version of Mortal Kombat 2 for Acclaim. Get ready to be propelled into a world of sweat...

...Seems 20th Century Fox can't make up their minds when it comes to whether or not to take the plunge into the gaming arena. The Q overheard some of the Fox execs mulling over the plans during some fine CES dining of six buck dogs. As Al Pacino would say, "When in doubt..."...The question I want answered is exactly how many paisley sweaters does this guy actually have?...Another company looking to delve deeper into the world of self-publishing their characters is Marvel Entertainment. Although they're quite content with their current arrangements, Marvel's chief is looking for ways to expand the reach of their super heroes. It also doesn't hurt that James Cameron is laboring on a Spider-Man movie as we speak...Speaking of comic characters coming to life on video screens, it looks like TH-Q and Malibu are parting ways. Even though the early revs of the Prime video game adaptation are truly hot, and the game is nearly done, the big boys of TH-Q have Nixon their deal to concentrate on other projects...That just about wraps it up for this ish, my Quarter-friends. Remember to turn to the Q for all your gaming info, kiddies, because this is the only place the gossip stays crunchy - even in milk!...

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SEGA INTROS MODULAR FX CART!

Sources at Sega have informed EGM that they are going to be bringing out a new 'modular' cartridge this June. This new cartridge configuration will be done in order to reduce the 'sticker shock' that is typical of cartridges that contain special effects chips. In this instance, the new modular cart will be used specifically for Sega's new line of SVP (Sega's version of Nintendo's FX chip) games.

An example of 'sticker shock' is the \$99.95 suggested retail price of their heavy memory plus SVP chip game—Virtua Racing.

What the consumer will do is purchase a mini-cartridge for \$40. This mini-cart will contain Sega's SVP chip. As new SVP chip games become available, players will only have to purchase the new 'plug-in' game cartridges.

These 'plug-in' cartridges will then be inserted into the previously purchased SVP mini-cartridge and the combined unit will then plug into the Genesis.

Note: Virtua Racing, since it is coming out this spring, will not be made in a mini-cart format.

The obvious advantage is that game players will only have to purchase the SVP chip cart once. Instead of SVP carts costing about \$100 for every game, the cost will be reduced to about \$50.

A secondary advantage is that you'll quickly see tons of SVP games. Since Sega's third-party licensees will not have to absorb the heavy cost of the specialty chip, they all are eager to start producing polygon games.

Starting to feel the heat Nintendo?

GAME GENIE 2 SLATED FOR 1995!

Ever since EGM broke the news about a Game Genie 2 being in development back in the November issue, one of the hottest topics of discussion was this top secret sequel cheat cart.

During CES our editors again did some investigative reporting and came back with an update to the earlier story.

In a breakfast meeting with the wizards at Codemasters, EGM learned that the Game Genie 2 is "almost finished" and that negotiations with Galoob (the company that will market and distribute the Game Genie 2 here in America) are already underway. Final debugging of the unit will take place this summer and should be available this fall.

Next our sleuths talked to the officials at Galoob who were also at the Winter CES. The story, from the Galoob side, was a bit different. Yes, Galoob did have discussions with Codemasters about the Game Genie 2; however, Galoob was not as optimistic about a finished product being available to them by summer. At best, Galoob stated that they hoped to see something late in 1994 and if that was the case, the Game Genie 2 would have its debut sometime in 1995.

The Game Genie 2 will be different from the original Game Genie in the fact that players will be able to obtain their own codes by entering certain introductory parameters and then just playing the game.

Codemasters also confirmed that a Sega CD Game Genie is nearing completion and could be available late in 1994.

TRIAx TO RELEASE 3-D CONTROLLER!

Triax introduces a joystick that promises to be a new generation in joysticks with the new "Multi-Function" Controller. This peripheral can move on-screen objects at variable speeds in any direction, from the background to foreground and create 3-D action.

For example, in a football game a running back can move in literally unlimited directions, not just the standard eight, cutting at any angle he wants. The variable speed control also allows an on-screen character to run slower or faster than other players and literally run rings around them.

Several companies are already supporting the capabilities of the new controller including: U.S. Gold, Ocean, Electronic Arts, SunSoft, Virgin, Tengen, Interplay, Namco and others.

In addition, the joystick is fully programmable and is equipped with a multi-function turbo. It is also Genesis and Super NES compatible.

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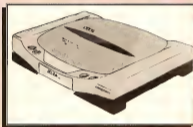
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THE SEGA SATURN SYSTEM SHOWN AT THE 1994 WINTER CES!



A glimpse of the finished product: the 32-Bit Sega Saturn system as shown at the 1994 Consumer Electronics Show...

THE 32-BIT SATURN HOME GAME SYSTEM



...and the rough sketch of the system as it appeared in EGM months ago. Pretty close, huh?

Sega is slowly going to the next level with its latest home game system peripheral—the 32-Bit Saturn system. Named the "Saturn" by Sega of America's President, Tom Kalinske, this system will sport superior graphics and will hopefully set a new standard for the home video game industry.

Some of the games previewed for the system at the 1994 Consumer

Electronics Show were *Virtua Fighters* and the racing game *Daytona* along with quick clips of other virtua reality type games. The Saturn runs rings around the competition with a total of either 1,024 or 2,048 colors. Other major home systems hardly compare. The Super Nintendo and DUO systems each have 256 colors. The Sega Genesis and Sega CD systems each have 64 colors on screen.

The main processor of the Saturn is a customized 68030 unit developed by Sega and Hitachi and can work from 18 to 24MHz and can rip through the 32-Bit hardware.

In terms of speed, the Saturn will have a clock speed somewhere between 18 to 24 Mhz, whereas the competing systems have somewhat slower speeds. The Super NES System has 3.58 MHz, the Sega Genesis 7.6 MHz, the Sega CD 12.7 MHz and even

the powerful NEO-GEO system falls behind with 14MHz!

One of the biggest questions about the Saturn is will it be compatible with the previous Genesis and Sega CD systems? As of now, this question is unanswered; but in order to do so, the Saturn would have to use a series of



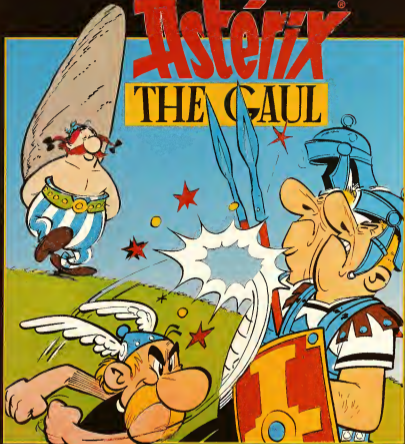
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new chips specially constructed for the peripheral. However, the drawback is such chips would probably affect the price of the system which already is rumored to be in the range of ¥50,000 (about \$430 here in the States).

However, the system may be compatible with several other systems under development, such as a CD-ROM drive!

There is no release date for the Saturn as of now, but the peripheral will probably be cartridge-based with the option for a CD-ROM system. Will the Sega Saturn be the next level for Sega? Stay tuned to EGM for more information on this innovative system in the months ahead.

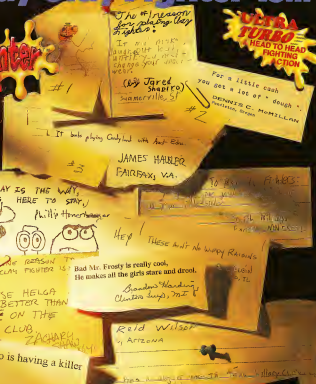
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Memory:	Work RAM:	17 Megabits
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We asked you why you love Clay Fighter above the rest, and you answered big-time—with hundreds of reasons why. Some said their Clay Fighter is up your SNES hotter than those other lame blood n' guts fighting games. And these are the reasons that had us laughing hard enough to squirt milk out of our nose. Thanks for the killer comments, and for telling everyone why Clay Fighter has 'em beat in the streets!

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Sound quality for NFL Hard Yardage promises to be second to none. The bone-crunching sound effects will further be highlighted by the play-by-play commentary of renowned Chicago Bears announcer Wayne Larrivee!

Strata will obviously have a big hit on their hands when NFL Hard Yardage hits the arcades. HIKE!!



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Check out the trick above to find out how to make your quarterback explode!



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Get ready for the arcade experience of a lifetime! Konami's *Monster Maulers* will undoubtedly be one of the most popular games of '94. This side-scrolling action/adventure game is a feast for the senses, and then some!

One of the first things you'll notice about *Monster Maulers* is the absolutely phenomenal graphics. Being that this game is made by a company like Konami, this is no big surprise. However, when you see the exciting (and sometimes awe-inspiring) array of enemies, you're going to flip your wig! Let's see, there's a huge stone giant, a nasty Centaur, ugly dragons who



Use each character's special move at the right time to do the most damage.

are more than willing to have you for lunch and a disembodied brain that really keeps its eye on you! This motley ensemble of beasts is really something to see!

There are three characters to choose from each with unique abilities and special powers. Players can choose to play either a one- or two-player game. In the Two-

Player Mode, the odds are stacked in your favor, especially if you learn to work as a team. Believe me, any chances of improving your ability to survive will be very welcome!

If it's been a long time since you've really enjoyed a game, give Konami's *Monster Maulers* a couple of quarters—it's a guaranteed mind-blower!



Try to use a lot of teamwork in the Two-Player Mode to finish each stage.



Top-notch graphics and imaginative enemies make *Monster Maulers* fun!



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WORLD HEROES 2 JET by SNK

Hanzo, Fuuma, M. Power and the rest of the gang are back for more in SNK's World Heroes 2 Jet. This 100+ Meg monster should hit the United States with the force of a tidal wave!

Included in the third installment in the World Heroes series are two brand new characters. Also of special mention is the fact that each of the characters has a set of brand new moves! For example, Brocken has a new mechanical arm which extends to give the victim a mega-volt shock! Cool! Sources indicate that there is a



Brocken has a brand new extendible electric arm move which will shock you.



Janne has a firebird attack that flies across the screen and fries you.



Rasputin also has a set of new moves. Here, he turns to stone to avoid Janne.

possibility that World Heroes 2 Jet may also have increased speed like Fatal Fury Special. If this holds true, expect World Heroes 2 Jet to be among the contenders for best arcade fighting game! It is uncertain at this point, however, if this is really the case (Keep your fingers crossed).

What is certain, however, is the

increased replay value of the game because of the improved graphics, new characters and new moves for each of the standard World Heroes characters. These factors will all contribute to make this game more challenging and fun for players. If you have been a fan of the World Heroes series, this is one game that you don't want to miss!



Two completely new characters have been added to this 100+ Meg wonder.



Don't get too close to this new character. He'll really burn you up!

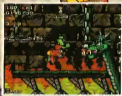


The play control is everything that you've come to expect from SNK.



K. Dragon's lightning-fast kicks are as devastating as ever. Look out!

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Franky thought only knights were supposed to fight dragons!



Move too slow and you'll be shocked at what you see!



Don't get excited! They're only flying skulls.

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9 GAMES PREVIEWED!!!

Pocky & Rocky 2, Shuto Expressway Battle, Ranma 1/2 3, Crayon Shin-Chan, Super Bomberman 2, Ragnacenti, Military Madness 2, Wario's Forest, Mobile Police Patlabor

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Howdy! It's Terri Aki here with a load of news for you. I recently flew in to the States for the WCES to check up on what games actually made it to the U.S. I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw. Sonic Blastman 2 (shown a few issues back) was announced to be on its way, as was Super Bomberman 2 (more on it a couple pages from here). Some of the best news was that Kikikaikai 2 (Pocky & Rocky 2) was announced to reach the States. You can be sure of seeing these in the Next Wave section really soon.

Anyway, back in Japan, the new Super Street Fighter 2 CD came out, so you can now rock to the four new stages—along with variations of the original tunes. The latest Godzilla flick also came out. Entitled *Godzilla vs. Mecha-Godzilla*, the special effects are great. These rubber monsters look better than ever. Even Rodan makes a guest appearance. As you could probably guess, a whole line of toys are making it to the shelves based on this film.

Things have gotten pretty quiet on the Mega Drive front for some reason. Perhaps the Saturn is closer than we think. Oh well, I'm babbling, so I'd better stop while I'm ahead.



WORLD NET

Native of Japan

Pocky & Rocky 2

Super Famicom



Shooter

April/May

Unknown

Known in Japan as Kikikaikai 2, *Pocky & Rocky 2* is the sequel to the great shooter that appeared last year. Unlike the first game, Sayo (Pocky) is accompanied by another character who serves as an option. At the start, Sayo can choose one of three characters as options: a raccoon (Rocky), a girl ninja or a powerful priest. Later, she can pick up four more optional characters including a scarecrow, a mole and even a robot. In Single Player Mode, the option runs on its own, shooting enemies and dodging shots automatically. Sayo can link up with an option for added powers, or even throw the option at the enemies. In the Two-Player Mode, the second person controls the option, but must stay close to Sayo.

Carrying on the original's wacky Oriental setting and unique game system that allows you to block enemy shots, this one is as fun as the first. Another winner by Natsume, it seems. It should come out here soon!



The world you adventure in is even bigger this time around.



One of your allies is a scarecrow who is talented in combat.



Like before, players can block enemy shots with their fans and tails.



There is a whole new cast to join the original two heroes.

Cao Cao

Nobunaga

Genghis Khan

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Picture this, three of history's most ruthless and ambitious leaders all in one room. Now, throw in the fact that all three are looking towards world domination with massive armies following their every command. Sounds interesting, doesn't it. This winter, Koei's bringing Genghis Khan, Nobunaga and Cao Cao together to a store near you, and it's going to be exciting. After all, Genghis Khan is out to lead his

Mongol hordes victoriously across Asia and Europe in **GENGHIS KHAN IE CLAN OF THE GRAY WOLF**, Nobunaga is seizing control of Japan in **NOBUNAGA'S AMBITION** and Cao Cao's devising new ways to reunite China after the collapse of the Second Han Dynasty in **ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS III: DRAGON OF DESTINY**. The contest for world domination is about to begin!

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"We're sick of our swamp planet," they snarled. "We're taking Nebraska!" I live in California, so I'm thinking, "So what?"—but then I remembered my buddy Travis, from Omaha*. Besides, sooner or later, I knew they'd add Los Angeles to the menu. So, the fate of the World was in my hands. Actually, a **Fighter Stick** was in my hands—so I flicked on the

slow motion control to buy some time. Just then, a spy satellite flew past, with —get this—a laser cannon. I plugged the cord in, switched on turbo fire and **30 shots per second**.



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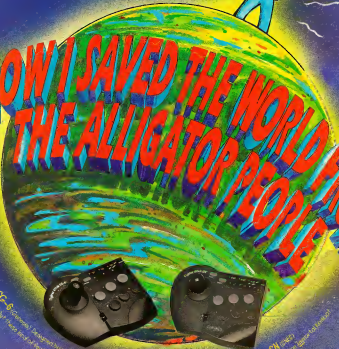


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I showed them the secret weapon. "This is a Fighter Stick" I shouted. "Everyone on Earth has one." I said, fibbing a little, "so give up your attack, or else!" Before you could say, "later, gator" they were half-way home. This time, we were lucky. But until everyone on Earth has an Asciiware enhanced controller, we'll never truly be safe.

AsciiPad SC-6 (MSX)



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INTERNATIONAL
NEWS

Last year, Sega introduced the Lock-On series of infrared pistols and head mount sensors for playing war games safely. The gun would shoot harmless infrared beams that travel a relatively long distance (enough to play in a school gym, for instance). When a beam strikes a sensor, it emits a sound and vibrates to inform the wearer he's been hit; therefore, according to game rules—dead. The system is less expensive and much safer than paint pellet guns which are commonly used for war games. Not only are paint pellets costly, but they hurt like the blazes when you get hit. The Lock-On system is clean and it also looks really cool.

The original Lock-On system quickly gained a strong following, especially in Hong Kong and South Korea where magazines began devoting whole sections on customizing guns for greater distance and accuracy. Taking note of the burgeoning craze, Sega has newly introduced the Lock-On Bazooka, a hefty unit that looks somewhat like the seemingly forgotten Menacer. The unit is compatible with the original system and provides a wider scope of shooting so it can take out several enemies with one shot. Can the Lock-On tank be all that far behind?



WORLD NET

Bullet-Proof Software of Japan

Shuto Expressway Battle

Super Famicom



Driving

May '94

Unknown

A cool new racing game is thundering down the road from BPS. Instead of the usual F1 games, Shuto Expressway Battle is about street racing on some of Japan's best known highways using power machines like the Mazda RX-7, Toyota Supra and Nissan 180SX.

In One-Player Mode, the screen is split and provides two separate views that can be altered to suit your racing needs. There's also a Two-Player Mode that really kicks.

The racing settings are very realistic, and you can set up your own sialom course for a major challenge. It's a great cart for racing fans.



Shuto Expressway Battle uses real roads as the racetracks.



You can select a perspective for the screen you aren't using.

Shogakukan of Japan

Ranma 1/2 Super Battle

Super Famicom



Fighting

April '94

¥9,900

Here it is, the third in the superb series of fighting games starring Rumiko Takahashi's manga and anime characters. Characters like Ranma (both male and female versions), Akane, Ryoga, Ykyo and Genma from earlier games are joined by several new characters like Herb and Hinoko Ninomiya. In total, there are 13 fighters available.

New power moves have been added for all the characters, most of them very comical just like the original manga. It's claimed that its variety of

moves will be greater than those offered by other top name fighting games. Another added feature is the Tag Mode, where a player can select two fighters and alternate during the battle. This cart has top-notch graphics, tons of digitized speech and excellent game play. This should please Ranma fans everywhere.



There are a lot of fighters to choose from. All of them are from the show.



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Ykyo twirls her spatula of death, ready to strike Shampoo down.

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**INTERNATIONAL
NEWS**

A British department store came out with easily the world's most expensive Game Gear for the '93 Christmas season. A pricey sum of £55,000 (about \$75,000) gets you a standard Game Gear unit that comes in an outrageous diamond-encrusted 18K gold case. The gold alone weighs 800 grams, well on the way to two full pounds. The case is fitted with 46 carats of diamonds on the cross key and other accents. Made by a company called David Morris International, this piece of lunacy is touted as "the ultimate present for the children of the super rich." Despite the ridiculous price tag, the unit doesn't come with any games, although batteries are supplied. Start saving your pennies now kids, you could be the envy of thieves and kidnappers everywhere! Geesh, what next?

This Game Gear will even be rarer than the elusive White Game Gear that appeared for a limited amount of time. Will anyone get it?



Though it's a bit steep in price, this beauty looks really nice.



Me-Sa of Japan

Crayon Shin-chan

Mega Drive



Action

1994

Unknown

Shin-chan is a kindergarten brat who stars in one of Japan's hottest TV anime series (it consistently scores viewer ratings of at least 20 percent). In a way he's a lot like Dennis the Menace, but with a lot more bite. For instance, his imitation of an elephant involves him dropping his shorts and drawing "eyes" about three inches below his belly button.

He's bringing his twisted humor to the Mega Drive in weird action stages. Unlike a lot of poor translations from hit cartoons, this one promises to capture all the charms of Shin-chan with plenty of cinematics and digitized speech. It's weird, but way cool.



Shin-chan's adventures start off pretty straightforward, but soon...



See what havoc you can create by blowing bubbles during recess.

Hudson of Japan

Super Bomberman 2

Super Famicom



Action

April/May '94

Unknown

Hudson's super hot blastathon's back for more over-the-top competition. Like the first SFC version, up to four players can tap in for intense free-for-all bouts that leave only one b-man standing. Don't worry! If you can't get four people together, the computer can provide up to three opponents for competition. New items like rubberized bombs that bounce off blocks and walls have been added to crank up the heat. There are 12 different playing fields for competition, including one with slippery floors.

The Single Player Story Mode has been redone entirely with new maps like large multi-screen stages and two-level maps where floors can be destroyed to get around. B-man's job is to take on five evil b-men who will try to blow you to smithereens with giant Boss mechs. Watch for this to hit the U.S. later this year!



Some of the levels will have two or more floors to add to the strategy.



Like before, the Bosses get fairly large, not to mention deadly.



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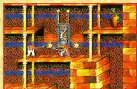
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The nuclear lizard king's adversary from last year's *Godzilla Vs. Mothra* movie will soon be available in Japan as a mondo disgusting radio controlled toy. Instead of the grown-up Mothra, this puppy will be the repulsive larva stage (a huge caterpillar, ugh!). Being fully motorized, the larva will inch itself forward in a realistic wobbly fashion, twitching its body from side to side. (How alone should be enough to guarantee your mom staying well clear of your room.) Even better, it can spray silk from its mouth just like in the movies. You can bet this won't be cheap—the two foot tall radio controlled Godzilla from Tokyo Marui in the same series clocks in at well over five hundred dollars. Of course, it might be a cheap investment considering the kinds of pranks you should be able to pull off using this truly repugnant toy. (How can you tell that I'm scared witless of all things gross and slimy?)

Hopefully there will be MechaGodzilla as well. Who knows? If Mothra shoots silk, will Mechagodzilla have lasers? I think this Godzilla stuff's getting out of hand. Onto the next subject...



How'd you like to have a remote controlled maggot? It even spits silk!



WORLD NET

Sega of Japan

Ragnacenti

Mega Drive



Act/RPG

June '94

Unknown

Gaw, the programming team responsible for the coolest Ranger X, is preparing this fantastic action RPG. The hero is a young warrior who must defeat a terrifying force of evil that plans to bring chaos and ruin to a world nearing its end. On his epic journey, the warrior is joined by animals that help him with magic spells and provide transportation to get by obstacles.

With a huge world of swords and sorcery, it's a mystical story to explore in the classic Zelda style. This is the kind of game the Mega Drive has needed for a long time. Let's hope Sega will bring it out here.



Animals will help you throughout the adventure with magic and other spoils.



Once you start out on your quest there's no turning back. Are you ready?

Hudson of Japan

Military Madness 2

Super CD-ROM



Simulation

Unknown

Unknown

Actually called Neo Nectaris in Japan, I'm giving the Americanized title so you wouldn't pass over this great game. Most of you remember *Military Madness* as one of the best war sims around. Well, this isn't a pure sequel. It's actually the original game plus some new maps at the end. In total, there are 24 field maps, 16 from the original and 8 new maps that are scorchingly tough. Once you've cleared all the maps, you can try again at a greater difficulty. Of course being on CD, Hudson has

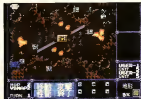
added some wild stuff with stage cinemas and cool tunes. Besides the armored troops and mechs featured in the original, eight new units have been added to enhance a whole new level of strategy to your game. You'll need them to rid your enemies from the moon. Pray this comes to the Duo. It's worth playing at all costs.



Some of the battles might be familiar, but special features have been added.



Great looking cinemas have been added to this American sequel.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

After turning up two popular anime programs in Japan, the Bogard boys and company will be making their big screen debut this summer. Like the original Fatal Fury and FF2 animes, the movie version will have an entirely new story. (Of course, the plot will be designed to neatly dovetail with the earlier TV shows.) Although no details were given, bet on all the characters from FF Special to make cameo appearances at the very least. The movie version will be produced by the same director and character designer who made the TV anime specials, so the same level of quality is assured. The movie will be released in Japan in the summer of '94, just in time to go head-to-head against the Super Street Fighter 2 movie and anime. To put it another way, the two fighting carts will be battling it out at the arcades and at the movies. I can hardly wait for this film.



The Bogard boys and company make their debut on the big screen soon!



WORLD NET

Nintendo of Japan

Wario's Forest

Super Famicom	
Puzzle	
Feb. 19, '94	
¥4,900	

Wario, Mario's new nemesis, stars in this action puzzler that's in the vein of Tetris, Yoshi's Cookies and other similar titles. The object is simple, just line up monsters and bombs that drop out of the sky in lines of three to make them disappear. Instead of manipulating these objects as they fall, the trick is to move them around once they've reached the bottom. Whole rows or single objects can be moved as needed. It's even possible to kick unwanted pieces away. Monsters come in a variety of styles from easy to kill ones or ones that need to be hit twice. The best part about WF is that you can take on a friend to see who's better.



Wario's Forest is comparable to Tetris and is just as addicting!



The Two-Player Mode is a real treat with both players battling it out.

DEC of Japan

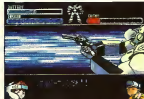
Mobile Police Patlabor

Super Famicom	
Simulation	
March '94	
¥9,800	

Patlabor, the awesome heavy mech anime series with over a million laser disks and videos sold is under preparation as a hot new simulation game. Play as a team of armored police squad with two Ingram mechs who are targeted by a sinister multi-national corporation bent on creating havoc in Tokyo.

There are over 30 scenarios that the Ingrams must solve including rescue missions and awesome combat against enemy mechs. All the fighting is done using text commands, with

wild cinemas to show what's happening. Through operations, the Ingrams can be powered up with new weapons, more speed and other attributes. This is a unique type of game. Why don't we get carts like this in America? After all, it is one of the most popular animes here in the States.



Intense cinemas act out the battle sequences. They're very dramatic.



Your Ingram mech is quite powerful, but can you fight the evil corp?



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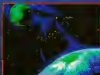
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Lella

Lella is the very first person you will meet. She will help you start your adventure by giving you advice. Rely on her to give you guidance in the beginning and end.

Compared to the other *Phantasy Star* games, this sequel has newer options and items that you can utilize.

View your party's strengths by bringing up the stats screen.



Getting low on strength? Get some sleep at the local inns to restore your health.

Find treasure chests to reveal items that you may need later on in the game.



Buy weapons and items in the stores to make your adventure a bit easier.

Talking to the townfolk may be useful for obtaining important information.



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Help the mayor out with his problem.



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THE GOOD

Great animations of enemies and characters is a plus. Good soundtrack, too.

THE BAD

Many hours will be played on this game and you might lose some sleep because of it.

THE UGLY

The background on some levels gave me a headache.

Fight Against Deadly Enemies

Destroy the more powerful enemies first, then the weak. Use your main weapons.



Some enemies may only be hit by certain weapons. Find their weaknesses first.



During battles, use protective magic on your party to increase your survival.

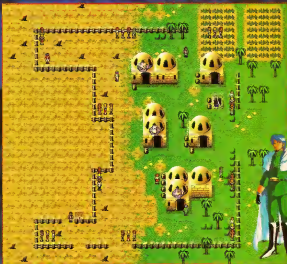


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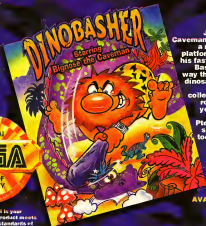


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Our beloved Trickman has to glue his ears back on after they froze off when trying to get a jump for his unreliable white vehicle known as "The Boat." The Chicagoland suburbs recently felt temperatures that were below the average of the North Pole! Since the Trickmeister's battery froze in the horrible weather, he decided to make the best of it and start a fire with the bogus codes and tips that didn't work throughout the month. Make sure you test your codes for accuracy and send them to this address:

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T.M.T. Tournament Fighters

Super NES Konami
 The Boat, 10 Credits, They Make Your Boat, One Stage

At the Title Screen, you can enter any one of the codes below with controller two for many different results.



These tricks will give you access to a third speed setting, 10 credits, a Story Mode Power Gauge and two more stages in which to fight. At the Title Screen, take the second controller and do this trick: UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, B, A. You will hear Aska's voice, confirming that the trick worked. In the Options Mode, you will see that you now have an extra Hi-Speed of 3. To get 10 credits, take controller 2 at the Title Screen and put in this code: B, B, B, A, A, A, X, X, X, X, X, X, X. In the Options Screen, you can now put your credits at 10.

To access an extra Power Gauge in Story Battle, go to the Title Screen and put in this code with the second controller: UP, LEFT, DOWN, RIGHT, X, Y, B, A, X, Y, B, A, X. This will give you the lower green bar that you can build up to use your special move when it is full; just like the Tournament Mode. If you would like to fight in two stages that you would not normally be able to access, put in this code with the second controller at



Using the second controller, enter any one of these tricks.



Get ready for the quickest fight of the century on Hi-Speed 3!



Another code will allow you to play in the Bosses' stages.



Do the trick at the title for a Power Gauge in Story Mode.

the Title Screen: L button, R button, L button, R button, L button, R button, A. The code will give you access to the



By doing separate codes, you can get 10 credits and speed 3.



You will see the increase in credits when you continue.



You now have access to two more stages in which to fight!



The gauges will appear allowing you to use your special!

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CHEAT SHEET

Cybermorph Atari / Jaguar

Level Codes

Level 1: 1008
Level 2: 1328
Level 3: 9325
Level 4: 9226
Level 5: 3444

Erik Piller
Modesto, CA

Cybermorph Atari / Jaguar

Hidden Levels

In Cybermorph, you can access four hidden levels. To do this, go to the Access Code/Planet Selection Screen and put in this code: 8009. This will get you to four planets that look like Saturn. Go to the one on the lower right-hand corner. This one is a treasure planet that consists of three planets. But when you do, you can go back into the regular game with all of your newly acquired weapons!

Cybermorph Atari / Jaguar

Rotate Logo

To accomplish this trick, just simultaneously press the pause and option buttons on the opening screen when the Jaguar and Atari logos are shown, just before the cube appears. Once the cube shows up, you can control it by pressing the directional pad. You can make it rotate slower or faster by pressing LEFT or RIGHT. To make the logo scale in and out of the screen, just press UP or DOWN on the pad.

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Eternal Champions

Genesis

Sega

The Overkills

Do your best to make your opponent land in the approximate positions designated by the red arrows.



At this approximate distance, throw your opponent.



If he/she lands about here, he/she will bounce into the fan!



In Shadow's stage, throw her past the second letter.



Depending on your distance, throw your opponent right.



Landing your opponents here will make them fall in the hole!



If she lands in this approximate vicinity, she'll fry!



Using Xavier and standing here, throw Shadow.



If she lands here, she will get wasted by a drive-by shooting!



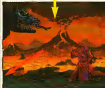
In Slash's stage, get her down to one hit. Punch her so ...



With your foot just touching the dirt, throw her to the left.



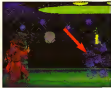
If she lands here, the helicopter will unleash a surprise!



... she flies head-first off the left of the screen. It's difficult!



On Rax's stage, get to the left of this statue and throw her.



If your opponent lands right here, she will be disintegrated.

These overkills are the finishing moves you can do on each of the players' stages. To do them, make sure you

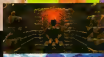
are on the last round of your fight. Get your opponent down in energy until they can be defeated with one hit. Punch,

kick or throw your foe. Your opponent must land where the red arrows show for each stage. (continued on 94) ...

Meet Our Soul Survivor.



Our guy looks like he made it through **MANSION OF HIDDEN SOULS** with hardly a scratch. His wired jaw works pretty well and his new dentures are shiny white. The large bald spot on the back of his head doesn't seem to bother him. All of his organs, as far as we know, are original and still in the same places. And we don't hear him complain about the hair that won't stay down or the hands that won't close. Of course, we don't know anything about his mental state.



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Taz-Mania Sunsoft / Super NES

Stage Select

If you're having difficulty with some of these levels, do this trick. When the Title Screen appears, press the SELECT button. An Options Menu will appear. Now, press these buttons in this order: A, Y, A, Y, X, Y, B, A, R button, L button. The screen will shake and a level select option will appear at the bottom of the screen. Now, you may choose the stage in which you want to start.

20 Continues

To gain a maximum of 20 continues, just go to the Title Screen and press the SELECT button. When the Options Screen appears, press these buttons in this order: Y, X, B, X, A, X, L button, R button, B, A, Y, A, X, A. The screen will shake and a message will appear that says, "20 Continues!"

Jurassic Park Sega / Genesis

Stage Select and Sound Test

First, highlight the Options and press START. Press START again to exit the Options. Highlight "Password" and press START. Put in this password: NYUKNYUK. Now highlight either the << or the >> arrows. Press and hold A, B, C and START one button at a time. A "Second Controller Enabled" message appears. Highlight "Exit," press any button and then start the game. The Stage Select and Sound Test will now appear!

Eternal Champions (cont.)

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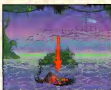
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The Overkills

Do your best to make your opponent land in the approximate positions designated by the red arrows.



On Trident's stage, position yourself here, on the right side.

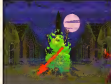


Throw your opponents so they land parallel to this rock.

Some stages are easier to do than others. Most of the overkills require precision in where your opponent lands. (Some are difficult and picky.) The pictures show Xavier doing the overkills to Shadow in every stage. The distance of the throws, kicks and punches vary between each character. The real key to these is to just keep trying.



When you're at the face of the barn, throw her toward the fire.



If your opponents land about here, they'll burn baby, burn!

Ranma 1/2

Super NES

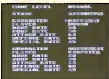
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Secret Option Mode

When a screen appears that shows your chosen character vs. another character, press X, A and L button simultaneously.



This trick will allow you to access a Secret Option Mode in which you can choose many things, including the ability to play a hidden character, Happosai. Just choose a one-player game, pick your character and when it shows a picture of your character vs. another, press X, A, and the L button simultaneously.



Press X, A, and the L button to access this Option Mode.

Castlevania Bloodlines

Genesis

Konami

Expert Level

At the Title Screen, do the famous Konami code: UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, B, A.



At the Title Screen, do that famous Konami code.



You will hear a noise. Move to Options and go into it.

When you see the Title Screen with the options, just do that ever popular Konami code: UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, B, A. Now, move to the Options Screen. Press START to enter it. You can now change your game level to "Expert."

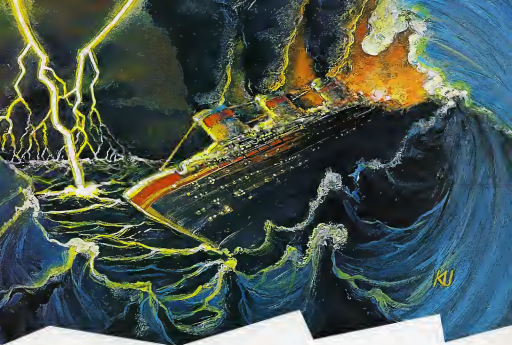
(Note: The trick was done on a pre-production copy of the game. The trick may not be in the final copy.)



In the Options Screen, you can now pick "Expert" game level.



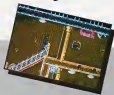
You will encounter many smart enemies in this mode.



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CHEAT SHEET

MOST WANTED TRICK ANSWERS

The quest to find the infamous Nimbus Terraloux in the Genesis version of Mortal Kombat has taken a new turn. One reader claims to have found him! To prove it he sent us a pic of this character's existence on an IBM disk. These pictures look too good to be true. Are they? Or is this a very clever deception? It has been said that this is the method to find Nimbus. At the screen when Reptile gives the clue, "Look to La Luna," enter the following code: RIGHT, DOWN, RIGHT, A, C, B, B, A, RIGHT, DOWN, RIGHT, C, B, START. If done correctly, the game resets and you can play as Nimbus. Thanks go to Tom Grace of Wernersville, PA, for the pictures. Is this real? Or is this a good artist who has the ability to modify game screens? Let us know!



Pink Goes To Hollywood

Super NES TecmoGk

Level Skip

In the middle of any level, press and hold the START button. Then press SELECT and you will go to the next level.



If you're having trouble getting through the levels in this game and want to access the next, just do this trick. In the middle of any level, press and hold the START button. Now, press the SELECT button after that. You will warp to the next level! However, you cannot warp to the last level.

(Note: The trick was done on a pre-production cartridge. The trick may not work on the final copy.)



Hold START to pause and then press SELECT to skip levels.

The Ren & Stimpy Show: Veedlots!

Super NES T-NQ

Level Select

At the Title Screen (before the "Veedlots" logo fades in), press L, R, A, L, R, L, R, B and the X button.



This trick allows you access to any level of the game. When the Title Screen appears, wait until the word, "Veedlots" starts to form. As it does, take pad one and press the L button, R button, A, L button, R button, L button, B, R button, and X. A set of numbers will appear. Now, choose your stage.



If you did it correctly, you will see numbers at the bottom!

Metal Combat: Falcon's Revenge

Super NES Nintendo

Change Your Name

At the Title Screen, press L button, A, B, L button on the first controller to get a name entry screen. Put in any name.



If you don't want your combat companion to call you "Partner" anymore, you can personalize the game to your liking with this code. On the Title Screen, press these buttons in this order with the first controller: L button, A, B, L button. The screen will fade out and then the Name Entry Screen will appear.



Access this screen from the Title Screen. Enter any name.

ActRaiser 2

Super NES Enix

38 Lives

Enter the code shown below at the Password Screen. This will give you 38 lives and a trip to the next, most difficult level.



Move down to the password option on the Title Screen.



Enter this code on the Password Screen and choose "end."

This strange code will allow you to have 38 lives when beginning the last stage with all of the Bosses. To do this, access the Password Screen and enter:

MFMJ TVSY FVPX

When you begin, you will have 38 lives. You will need them to defeat all of the Bosses ahead!



You will be on the hard last level, but you have 38 lives!



You will need 38 lives when facing these difficult Bosses!

Golf's just a couple of simple steps!



Yeah right!

So simple you've taken three swings at the ball and it hasn't left the tee yet. So simple you've dug a hole five feet deep trying to get out of the sand trap. So simple you've landed smack behind a huge tree you didn't see before. And so simple you're up to your knees in water trying to pull a ball out of the lake you thought you overshot.

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CHEAT SHEET

MOST WANTED TRICK

This month's most wanted trick is for Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Tournament Fighters for the Super NES. It has been confirmed that there is a code to play as the Bosses, Rat King and Keral. So far, there have been many tricks for this game using the second controller on the Title Screen. The Boss code may be along the same lines. Many people have sent to Game Genie codes (that don't work) to try to do this. Can you find the real Boss code? If you find it before we do, send it in! You'll get a free game of your (allowable) system of your choice!



The trick might be done here with the second controller.



To play with more than these characters, find the code!

McDonald's Treasure Land Adventure

Genesis	Saga
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Stage Select

Take the first controller and do this code at the Title Screen: LEFT, RIGHT, A, R, C. Now, press the START button.



To select from any stage and action sequence in this game, just go to the Title Screen and do this code with the first controller: LEFT, RIGHT, A, B, C. You will hear a sound confirming that the trick worked. Press START and the Stage Select Screen will appear. Choose any stage and action from here.



Do the trick at the Title Screen and press START to get this.

Super Putty

Super NES	U.S. Gold
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Unlimited Lives

This "RAAT" code will give you unlimited lives. On any stage, pause and press R button, A, L button, L button, Y.



To get an unlimited amount of lives in this game, just do this easy trick. Choose any stage and while playing, press START to pause the game. Now, take controller 1 and press the R button, A, L button, L button, Y. The whole screen will shift, confirming that the trick worked. You now have unlimited lives!



Pause the game and do the code. You have unlimited lives!

Ground Zero, Texas

Saga CG	Sony
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Secret Scene

When the credits roll in the game, slide in one quick motion C, R, and A. Then press the START button.



Here is an easy code that you can do in Ground Zero, Texas that will enable you to view a secret scene. To do this, you must purposely make yourself lose the game. When the credits roll, press buttons C, then B, then A in one quick motion. Then press the START button.



By doing this trick, you will be able to see a secret scene!

Adam Turia; Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

Fatal Fury 2

Super NES	Takara
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Play as the Bosses

At the Takara logo, press R, A, X, Y, UP, LEFT, DOWN, RIGHT, L button, R button. Go this before the logo fades out.



At the Takara logo, do the code before it fades away.



Choose any match combination and press START.

To play as the Bosses in this game, enter this code when the Takara logo appears (before it fades): B, A, X, Y, UP, LEFT, DOWN, RIGHT, L button, R button. You will hear Terry Bogard say "OK." Now, choose from all 12 fighters in a one- or two-player match-up!

(Note: This trick only works on a non-modified game. The trick may not work on the first version.)



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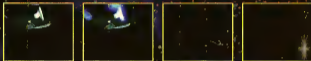
**BOLDLY GOING WHERE NO STAR TREK HAS GONE
BEFORE, TO THE SUPER
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**MANY
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It can easily be said that the Star Trek universe is the most popular among all of the other sci-fi titles. Gene Roddenberry's creation has within it four different series—Star Trek, Star Trek: TNG, Deep Space Nine and the upcoming Voyager series. There have also been numerous movies made, all of which have attracted fans from near and far. Now this exciting universe is hitting the video game platform on many of the major systems, including the Super NES, Genesis and the 3DO. First off, Spectrum Holobyte will be producing their long-awaited version of Star Trek: TNG "Future's Past" utilizing popular themes of RPG, action and shooters to combine them within the Star Trek realm! The story behind this is the mystery to uncover the powerful device called the Derandomizer.

However, the Romulans and Chodak species are already hunting down this ancient artifact. Sega of America will also be bringing this version over to the Genesis system, providing their user base with plenty of Star Trek to keep Trekkies happy. Spectrum Holobyte is also going to have a computer-generated title of Star Trek: TNG "A World For All Seasons" on the 3DO. Utilizing many different polygon 3-D effects, this title really looks hot. There have also been recent announcements of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine being released for the Sega Genesis and the Super Nintendo. Following in the footsteps of the immense success of the latest in the Star Trek series, this will also combine many previously seen genres into a world where strategy and logic will help prevent the fall of the United Federation of Planets! Also, be prepared for Interplay's Star Fleet Academy, The Starship Bridge Simulator. You must graduate at the top of your class, and master the Kobayashi Maru scenario involving a newly-involved Klingon planet.

STAR TREK THE NEXT GENERATION



**KNOW WHAT
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The Enterprise is capable of several functions—ranging anywhere from intense combat capabilities to other technical aspects.



You can either communicate to anyone hailing or you can plot your warp course.

Use this for obtaining statistics of Federation knowledge and a password.



This room is where your best options are presented to you.

This is where you should go if you need any major repairs done immediately.



Should you encounter something new, scan it to find out any valuable info.

Pick your away team from regulars or expendable ensigns!



I AM T'LIRUS DOCTOR OF
ARCHAEOLOGY. I HAVE BEEN TRYING
TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED
JUST BEFORE A ROMULAN SHIP
APPROACHING. I AM IN NEED OF

The Vulcan T'Lirus will ask for assistance from harassing Romulan forces!

MISSION TWO

When warping to Oreatis, you will encounter a derelict spacecraft. Decide if you should enter it or go on with your mission!



MISSION ONE

T'Lirus, a Vulcan scientist, is being harassed by Romulans.

Rush to her aid so that her scientific experiments do not get tampered with!



All of the ship's power is dead! Fortunately Jordi can see in the dark!



Even though it is a short trip, plenty of Romulans will stop you in your tracks!



Heavy security is everywhere. Use your tricorder to disable the replicators.



1 Blast through a wall to get to the security room and disable all the robots!

2 Try deactivating them by scanning local security systems.

3 You'll need this to open a door with a precious circuit board behind it.



4 Look for these circuits to repair the mainframe.

5 Find two fuel tanks and match them up with the right pumps.

MISSION THREE

Enter Orenis Gamma III B, a mining satellite

that is in grave peril! Several creatures are cocooning the miners down there, and you must guide the away team to help out the poor souls. Make sure to have Data along, because air is very scarce and he doesn't have to breathe.



Deadly mole creatures lurk everywhere, firing at you while you dodge mine cars!



The best strategy for the mine cars is standing between the two tracks.

FREE THE MINERS!



Dotted about are miners trapped in a spider-like cocoon!

FREE THE MINERS!



Use the elevators to move between mine levels! Some may be hidden very well.



Make sure that you turn on the oxygen fans via this switch, or all your humans will suffocate!



Certain rock formations and wooden walls can be blasted open to reveal passageways!

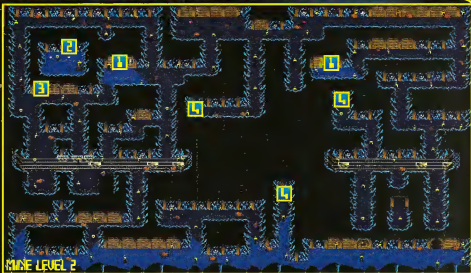


Make sure that you find all of the miners trapped within these cocoons or they will die for sure!

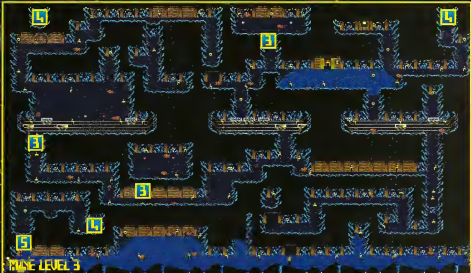


This bridge will lead to the other side of a vast chasm. Make sure you use this to cross it!





MAZE LEVEL 2



MAZE LEVEL 3

EXPLORE THE GALAXY!

There is a vast galaxy out there! What we presented here should give you a list of how the game is randomized. Hopefully, you can solve the mystery of the Derandomizer!

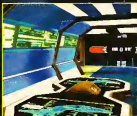




STAR TREK THE NEXT GENERATION

A World For All Seasons FEDERATION ADVENTURE FOR THE 3DO SYSTEM!

If most of you out there are wondering just what the 3DO is fully capable of, then this is your ticket to see the highlights! Spectrum HoloByte has created an original title that utilizes incredible computer rendering capabilities! A World For All Seasons looks very much like an interactive movie, though the game is played more like a choose-your-own-adventure type game, giving you many different options to use which can lead to many other clues (or even deadly traps). All of the cinematic displays are computer rendered and are marvellously done—providing a somewhat mosaic but still extremely beautiful game. Not to mention the feeling of actually participating in a Star Trek: TNG episode! Stay tuned for more!



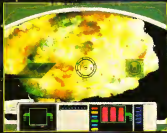
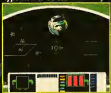
ENTER THE ENTERPRISE!

All of the major sets used for the Enterprise were computer rendered, as well as the whole cast! Here are some preliminary shots of what to expect on board.



OUTER SPACE COMBAT WITH INCREDIBLE DETAIL!

Should your ship be under attack, you will have to go into a pseudo Wing Commander type view to defeat the enemy!





STAR TREK

MAKE IT SO!

THE NEXT GENERATION



ST-TNG FOR THE SEGA GENESIS SYSTEM AS WELL!



Sega will soon be bringing out their own version of Star Trek: TNG! While still similar to the Super NES version, there are quite a few differences ranging from watching the actual transport of the away team to a lot more enemies on-screen! Stay tuned for more.



Beam down an away team to investigate unusual phenomenon and problems!

Rescue several victims of circumstance as tension increases with the Romulans!

There are several modes of combat, on the away team or even in the middle of space!

Interplay has just jumped in on the Star Trek voyage into the 16-Bit and 32-Bit realms with their unique approach to being part of the Federation with Starfleet Academy: The Starship Bridge Simulator. Here, you can pilot several different starships, from science vessels to constitution-class heavy cruisers, on a variety of missions ranging from scientific research to diplomacy, to all-out space battles! You are also able to play as a Klingon Captain or Romulan Commander to test the might of the Federation's Starfleet! Several spine-tingling cinematic intermissions enhance the feel of the game as you skillfully pilot your way through the

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dozens of different missions! The whole game is polygon oriented in terms of ship contact, and the rest will be graphic aids ranging anywhere from a damage display of your ship to actual advice given to you from Captain James T. Kirk himself!



Fantastic visual sights will greet you when learning your commanding skills!



Practice makes perfect! Use the simulator to provide a true feeling of emergencies!



There are several options that allows you to adjust different types of simulations!

STAR TREK

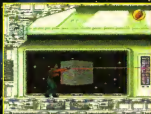
DEEP SPACE NINE

THE LATEST FRONTIER FOR THE SUPER NES!

It's about time! Coming soon from Playmates, the latest series in the Star Trek saga is about to hit the home video game market! You must go through several events—old and new, ranging from Sisko's horrible encounter with the Borg, to dealing with Quark and extremely hostile Cardassians, all while trying to protect the nearby wormhole! Set up somewhat like Flashback, this title looks impressive!



FEDERATION EMERGENCY!



Halls stretch on for a long, long time.



Make sure to check doors along the way.



STAR TREK

DEEP SPACE NINE

THE LATEST FRONTIER IS ALSO ON THE GENESIS!

Beware of the Borg!

Also coming from Playmates, this version is very close to the Super NES version, except this title is much farther along as far as completion goes than its Super NES counterpart. More interactivity has been added and even several of the extra characters can be accessed for use in specific levels. As previously mentioned above, this game plays in the same way that Flashback did, but with larger graphics and plenty of color!

Check all doorways for hidden corridors.



Certain computers can give you aid.



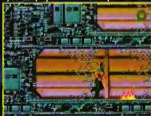
In the beginning, control the captain and his horrible experience with the Borg from years ago.



CONTROL THE CAST



There are several members of the cast that you can play as—all have unique abilities!



You are going to have one hell of a time trying to deal with the Borg threat. They will try to short-out the ship's power.

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MORTAL KOMBAT II



First off, we at EGM must give a big thank you to all the people who sent in letters, faxes, etc. in response to Trickman's most wanted tricks. There are no real winners because we discover the tricks before the mail arrives each day. However, don't give up! There are plenty of new things to find out in the new versions and tons of rumors to sort through. If you think you have anything we can use, let us know. Some of the first guys to get in their stuff—Jin, Mario, Gary and Ivan—managed to find a few things we didn't know yet. While we're on the subject of secret, you'll notice that most of all

the fatalities, babalities and friendship pictures are shown, but they aren't all given away. Most people already know how to do just about everything thanks to the "NET." Those who don't would be better off learning things one at a time. Also, with all the upgrades, they may change things around by the time this is printed. So all you Mortal maniacs keep flooding in those tricks and secrets and let us know how you feel about MK II and what you'd like to see covered next time. Stay tuned to EGM and you can be sure to see all the future coverage as the awesome Mortal Kombat II continues to evolve!

NEW MOVES & FEATURES SINCE Version 1.1

UPGRADES



Babalities, Friendships, Pits and the rest of the fatalities



Long pause tie for projectiles (i.e., Mileena's sais)



Jump, press D and HK to dive.



Press block in the air for a back crack.



B,B,D,HK to perform Mileena's low roll attack.



Teleport (D,U) then hit any attack button as you do it.



Just like Sub Zero's slide, BLK,L,P,LK together.



BADDER BOSSES

WOOPIE MAN

BOSS IN BACKGROUND



Removed cheap play mechanics



Sound effects were improved like Sub Zero's ice Blast.



Secret characters like Smoke and Jade were added.

FATALITY



D, F, B, B-HK



HLD LK, F, F, D, F-RELEASE LK



HLD LP, F, F, F-RELEASE LP



B, F, D, F-HP

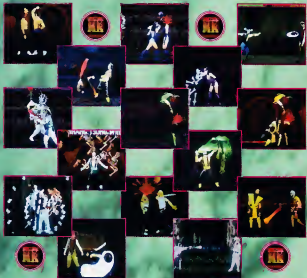


D, D, F, F-LP



B-B-D-LP

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










RUMORS

From the first time anyone saw this game, the rumors have been rolling through arcades across the country. Here's some of the funniest, most believable, most unbelievable and down right strange.

- 10.** Morph into Goro, Sonya, Elvis, Popeye etc...
- 9.** Animalities, Hyper Fatalities, Nudalities, etc.
- 8.** Enter the tree's knothole and fight the Keebler elves.
- 7.** 13 fatalities for each character (5 reg. 4 pits, babality, friendship).
- 6.** Get double flawless to the end to fight the American Gladiators.
- 5.** Sashi-X is one of the new hidden characters.
- 4.** The final version will be out sometime before MK III.
- 3.** Baroko is really Kono?
- 2.** Find Ermoc...yeah right!
- 1.** MK III- Involving a bizarre love triangle between Sonya, Kano and Goro.

BABALITY

If you get tired of goring your foe to death you can turn them into babies for a cute finishing move—the Babality.

BABY PICTURES		BABY PICTURES	
BARAKA	J. CAGE	JAX	KITANA
			
K. LAO	L. KANG	MILEENA	RAIDEN
			
REPTILE	SCORPION	S. TSUNG	S. ZERO
			

F.F.F-HK

An easy one to do, with Baraka grinning happily.



BBB-HK

Also a simple maneuver by the movie star man.



The key to performing any Babality or Friendship is that you must fight using only kick buttons. Notice that all the movements (of either type) are done with kicks. Maybe other methods like one button or punches only give another type of "result."

FRIENDSHIP

As another alternative to dismembering your foes you can perform a friendly finishing move—Friendship. This leaves them unharmed and is a good alternative for youngsters even if they want the blood!



D,D,D-HK to receive an autographed picture of yours truly.

B,B,D-HK to give your enemy their own Scorpion doll.



SECRET CHARACTERS & THE PITS!!!

So far two hidden characters have been found. They both have ways to find them, but both will meet you in the Earth Realm. Use these clues to help find them and be prepared for a tough battle.

TIP

Both hidden characters can't be harmed by special attacks. Use jump kicks to take them out from a distance.



The "Woopie Man" is the sign to get to Smoke. However, you must do the motion on the correct stage.



YOU MUST BATTLE WITH AN UNDISCOVERED WARRIOR FROM MONTAL-KOMBAT ONE. ESCAPE YOURSELF & RETURN TO GORO'S LAIR.



To find Jade you must do something special or not so special on the round right before the question mark.



So far, there are two "Pits" as they are called. One is taken from the original and is performed on The Pit II. The other is done on The Komat Zone. Both pits have the same motions, but each character has their own combinations for getting them there. Above are two of the simplest ways to get you started. Both pits count as a fatality.

Movies: L=Low Kick, RK=High Kick, LP=Low Punch, BLK=Block, D=Down, U=Up, B=Back, F=Forward, FOR V2.1 ONLY

WHAT'S NEXT

DISABLES THROWS



Have both players push down and press HP on this type of screen.

As this article is being written, new versions of 3.0 are being seen on test. There are more bug fixes and a few new features to add to the list. Who knows if it will end or what will be next for MK II.



Even more sounds and blood have been added.



The other "pits" are now present like the Dead Pool.



Morph into Kano! And a new character, Noobsaibot, is REAL!

RANDOM CHARS.



At the character select screen push up and LP for a random character choice.



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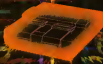
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The Pirates of Dark Water

Level 1



FACT FILE THE PIRATES OF DARK WATER

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
SUNSOFT	1 OR 2
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
8 MEG	8
THEME	% COMPLETE
FIGHTING	100%



Energy and point bags plus 1-Ups are found by breaking apart these statues.



Learn to use all your attacks in the early parts of the game.



If you're not careful, these rocks will ruin your day.



Try to block his swing and go for the kill.



You're treated to a preview of the Level 2 Boss.

You can play as Ren, Tula or Ioz—all are on a quest to destroy Bloth, the evil alien pirate, and his crew of the Maelstrom. Bloth and his evil crew have brought mayhem to the peace-loving people of the planet Mer and Ren's home, Octopon. If Ren can collect the seven treasures of Rule, he can control the deadly Dark Water and send Bloth and the evil pirates on their way. If Bloth gets the treasure, then despair will fall upon the planet. This game is a Final Fight-type game and is a lot of fun. Use a sword and/or your bare hands to defeat the pirates in this original story.

Level 2

This is Konk, the Boss of this level, who is the same person you fought in Level 1—only with more energy and a little stronger. He is extremely quick and will kill you if you don't constantly watch him. Watch out for his bite!



The battle really heats up in Level 2 as more enemies come out and fight.



Yow! Look out for the big guy. He's got some secret fighting techniques.

LEVEL 3-2



Bosses



This guy uses a whip to grab you and do damage before you have time to respond.



These twin brothers will double team and throw you before you know it.



This is the coolest looking Boss and the best way to beat him is to stick and move.

THE GOOD

The ability to use swords instead of just your hands. The Bosses are really cool, too.

THE BAD

The enemies get repetitive after the first couple of levels.

THE UGLY

The screams and moans of the dying enemies who have lost their lives at your hands.

Character Profiles



Ren



REN FIGHTS WITH HIS SWORD AND WITH HIS OTHER HAND. THAT'S HOW HE FIGHTS IN THE GAME.

Ren is a good all-around player. With medium strength and agility, he is a good choice for beginners. He attacks with his fists and his sword.



Ioz



Ioz FIGHTS WITH HIS SWORD. HE IS VERY STRONG, AND CAN HOLD UP WITH THE HEAVIEST OF MEN. HE CAN STRIKE IN THE BACK TOO. HE IS VERY SLOW, HOWEVER.

Ioz is the strongest of the three. He does more damage than anyone, but he is very slow. Once you become familiar with his ways, he is a deadly ally.



Tula



TULA FIGHTS WITH HER FISTS AND SWORD. SHE IS STRONG AND FAST, AND CAN HOLD UP WITH THE HEAVIEST OF MEN. SHE CAN STRIKE IN THE BACK TOO. SHE IS VERY SLOW, HOWEVER.

Tula is a lot of fun to use. She is very quick and can destroy most enemies with the blink of an eye. Her agility more than makes up for her lack of pure strength.



FIRE STRIKER

VERSUS

There are four kingdoms in the world: Earth, Wind, Water and Fire. There was a huge war among them. Wind won and brought peace to the world. But some are not happy with peace and seek to destroy it. Wald is out to destroy that peace by sending monsters with the ability to turn enemies into stone. Only one hero has not been captured and you must take him all over the world to free the others and restore peace to the land.

There is also a Versus Mode where up to four people can play. It resembles soccer in that you have to use the ball to score goals against your opponent.

Fire Striker

FACT FILE

FIRE STRIKER

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
OTMC	1 TO 4
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	APRIL
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
8 MED	14
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	85%

VERSUS

Along with the regular game, there is a Versus Mode for up to four players.



In this field, all four players are trapped until freed by the ball that starts in the center.

There is a cool little celebration at the end of each match!



You cannot cross the middle in this field, which makes it really tough to score a goal!



ICON POWER



The ball of power is your weapon.

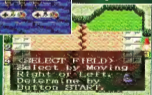
The blinking hearts will restore health.



These give you a super hard shot!



This field is full of obstacles but has the same soccer-type feel.



PLAYERS

Throughout the game you will save three heroes who will then join you.



Defeat the slimy scorpions to free the big robot, Garum.

After he joins the team, you can use him in times of need!



THE GOOD

The Versus Mode is a lot of fast-paced fun (especially with four players!)

THE BAD

The Game Mode is easy and is really too short to keep you playing for very long.

THE UGLY

All of the Bosses in this game are really hideous, but then so are some of the players!

Try not to free any of the monsters while finding the exit.



Avoid the crossfire in this room while destroying the monsters.



Use the ball to bust through the blocks and get to the other side of the wall.



Bust through the chests in order to get hidden icons.



Earth is the next world kingdom that you should visit. Here you will free another of the two heroes who will join you on your quest. You will need him to get any farther in the game.

The adventure begins in the land of Wind.

From here you will fight through two levels before facing the Boss monster, a double-headed tiger-type animal! Defeat him to move on.



EARTH



WIND



FIRE



The Fire Level is where you free your friend Ino. He will also join you on your quest, landing his superior speed to the group. The Boss of this level is a huge bird that throws fire!

In the first stage of the Water Level, free the last of your friends. Use him on the Boes because he can breath under water. The Boss is a dragon that'll dive bomb you!



WATER



In this room, you have to destroy all of the torches.



Destroy the skull that spits fire to reach the exit.



Destroy the vampire lips to get out of this place.



These rocks roll around the screen attempting to kill you.

SUPER METROID



FACT FILE

SUPER METROID

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
NINTENDO	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	APRIL
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
24 MEG	8
THEME	% COMPLETE
ADVENTURE	80%

Enter the subfloor and take the elevator down to hunt for power-ups.



You can easily be confused by the many different tunnels to explore.

You will encounter many strange creatures in your quest. Be careful!



Samus is back in action with the new long-awaited sequel to the original smash hit Metroid. Most of the original theme and game play will be kept intact in this 24-Meg cart, along with some new features that are sure to blow away all the hardcore metroid fanatics everywhere. One of the major new features is the ability to save your game using a battery backup. When you check

out the size and complexity of the levels, the battery backup will be a well utilized feature. There are six huge areas to explore, with all the familiar power-up weapons from the first Metroid. If you're a fan of the games that require a lot more thinking than just walking around and blasting enemies, then Super Metroid is definitely the challenge you've been looking for.



Begin the game outside in the frozen tundra.

OPTION MODE

START NAME
ENGLISH TEXT
CONTROLLER SETTING MODE
SPECIAL SETTING MODE

The Option Mode allows you to set many features.



Keep track of your items in the equipment screen.



The Maru-Mari power-up will allow you to roll into a ball and enter many secret areas.

The bombs will enable you to blow through walls which will take you to new levels.

Missile power-ups should be obtained before attempting to battle any Bosses.



If you're having problems finding your way around the tunnels, find the map data room as quickly as possible. You'll then be able to locate many areas easily.



SUPER BOSSES!



THE GOON

This game was excellent on the NES and can only be better on the Super NES.

THE BAO

This game should've been released along with the Super NES. They made us wait too long!

THE OGLY

I wish I had more time to play this game ... oh well, I guess I'll have to wait until it hits the store shelves.

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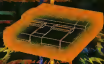
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After the incredible success of last year's smash hit *StarFox*, Nintendo has unveiled their latest FX Chip masterpiece. *Stunt Race FX* is the next step in a technological progression toward unparalleled realism in home video games.

Driven by a new and vastly improved chip called the FX2, *Stunt Race FX* is a sight to behold. The FX2 chip handles the graphic challenges presented to it by using the latest RISC technology. This architecture allows the chip to enhance the graphical definition of the game in a way that, until recently, was unheard of.

There are four different modes of play: Free, Stunt, Battle and Speed. Each of these modes presents a set of new objectives for the players. In addition, for the first time in an FX game players are able to play two-players simultaneously! This is a tremendously cool option which always improves the replay value of any and all games.

Keep your eyes peeled for this one folks! *Stunt Race FX* promises to be one of the most anticipated games of '94!



Keep an eye on your instrument panel to determine your position and speed.



You'll be treated to various viewpoints of your car during the course of each race.



Be careful while racing around so you don't lose time crashing into things!



GAME SELECTION

SPEED TRAX
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FREE TRAX

There are four different modes of play, each with its own unique challenge!

CAR SELECTION



Select your car wisely! Each car has different attributes which makes it special.

Stunt Race FX



The Super FX chip has certainly come of age in the last year! In *Stunt Race FX*, a new chip, the Super FX2, nearly doubles the speed and power of the chip found in *StarFox*! The results are quite dramatic, to say the least.

Aside from the boost in speed, the FX2 chip also enhances overall graphic definition by using advanced RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer) technology. Hopefully Nintendo will continue producing these fantastic FX carts!



FACT FILE

STUNT RACE FX

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
NINTENDO	1 OR 2
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
AVERAGE	END QTR. '94
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
8 MB	N/A
THEME	% COMPLETE
RACING	80%

THE GOOD

Outstanding graphics and game play make this cart hot! Also cool is the two-player simultaneous racing!

THE BAD

Well, it's about time! C'mon Nintendo, let's see more of these FX games—and quick!

THE UGLY

The controls are very touchy! It becomes easy to oversteer your car. This is a minor gripe, though.



GOING, GOING, GONE.

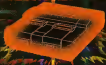
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Remember ExciteBike for the NES from way back? Think of that game pumped with steroids and you get this new, awesome motorcross game called Moto X. You will race in many countries to compete against the meanest competitors around. Surfaces of the courses will have snow, sand or dirt depending on where you are racing. You can even practice in an indoor racetrack where you can test your ability to jump off the ramps. Collect money by jumping off the high ramps. The higher the jump, the more money you get. Use your funds to fix your bike in the workshop.

MOTO X



RIDE THE RAMPS AND GET AIRBORNE!

KICK LEFT

Having problems passing riders? Get rid of other competitors by kicking their bikes and causing them to crash and fall behind. Be careful—they might do the same to you.

KICK RIGHT



STANDINGS
The Standings Screen will show your rank according to points.

Buy special parts to improve your bike's performance.



There will be many items on the course for you to pick up. All these items are made to slow down the other riders. Some are thrown ahead of you and others behind you.

The Standings Screen will show your rank according to points.



You will race around the world against many riders to become number one.

AWESOME BONUS STAGES!



THE GOOD
You can really catch some air time when you take off from the ramps. Totally cool racing!

THE BAD
It is really hard not to overheat your bike while trying to keep up with the competition.

THE UGLY
Jumping over five buses in the Bonus Stage and landing on the fourth bus really hurts.



To make it more fun, race against your friend rather than the computer. Or team up to get rid of riders that are on your buddy's back.

PLAY AGAINST OR WITH A FRIEND

FACT FILE

MOTO X

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
THINKINK	1 OR 2
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
HARD	3RD QTR. '84
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
8 MED	8
THEME	% COMPLETE
RACING	75%

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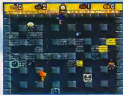
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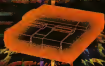


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SUPER PINBALL BEHIND THE MASK



FACT FILE SUPER PINBALL BEHIND THE MASK

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
AMER. TECHNOS	1 TO 4
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
8 MED	3
THEME	% COMPLETE
SIMULATION	100%

THE 0000

Great game play along with awesome graphics and music.

THE 800

If you're not a true fan of pinball, you might be a little disappointed.

THE UGLY

Some of the flashing lights in the game are almost hypnotic.

GAME ACTION



During multi-ball play, shoot at the mystery jackpot. A countdown will start.



Racking up some major points will help you get to the next stage.

Super Pinball-Behind The Mask brings old fashion pinball action to your Super Nintendo. Play through three different playfields while trying to defeat the evil Wizard. There are two different game modes to choose from. Competition Mode, where one to four players compete against each other in alternate play, or Conquest Mode, where

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High speed thrills!



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FATAL FURY 2

FACT FILE FATAL FURY 2



MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
TAKARA	1 OR 2
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MAY
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
E4 MED	N/A
THEME	% COMPLETE
FIGHTING	80%

Fighters with new combating skills and different motives for participating now gather in South Town. Some fighters want to discover the truth behind the tournament, some want to become the strongest fighter in the world, and others want to win honor and glory. But there's one thing they all want—to win the tournament. Who has the power to beat all the others and earn the title of "the strongest fighter in the world?"

This great sequel brings back the original cast and five new fighters to go up against four new Bosses. All the cool moves, unique background depth changes and the tough characters are here to make this a top fighting game. You can play by yourself, against a friend or stage a tournament with the Survival Mode. This is sure to give Mortal Kombat and Street Fighter a run for their money. Great job Takara!

FANTASTIC FATAL FURY BACKGROUNDS EFFECTS



Jump between background and foreground.

Swap to avoid attacks and regroup.



The backgrounds come alive—like these bulls that can impale you when you fall.

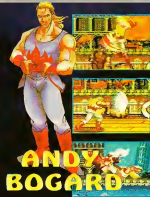


The next round takes place at dusk.

Start Round One in the morning sun.



TERRY BOGARD



ANDY BOGARD



JOE HIGASHI

THE ORIGINAL THREE ARE BACK ON A MISSION TO STOP KRAUSER!

MAI SHIBANUI



Master of the ninja arts, she is always ready to fight. Her grandfather was Andy's Koppo teacher.

JUBEI YAMADA



Entered the tournament in hopes of winning it and the affection of female fans. He is a legendary Judo fighter.

BIG BOY



The big wrestler "Raider" has returned from the outback where he was training. He has increased strength from before.

KIM KAPUWAN



He believes Taikwondo is the best fighting art. He has rapid attacks and can defend simultaneously to wipe out enemies.

Four new BOSSES!!!



He traveled to England and trained alone after Geese's death. His aim is to overthrow the Bogard brothers.

CHING SHIRAN



A money-loving fighter whose unique body makes him a strong adversary. He hopes to win and open a rich dojo.

AMEL HAWK



Originally a first-class heavy-weight champion, he is one of the boxing greats.

WOLFGANG KRAUSI



The sponsor of the tournament who wants to control the world.

LAWRENCE BLOOD



A cold and ruthless bull fighter who is no gentleman.



BUBBLE AND SAVED!



You begin your journey in the starburst caverns—alone!



You may not be strong, but you sure can throw those stars!



Many hidden treasures await you on your mystical journey.



Bubble's has one problem—he's not a very good swimmer!

Watch out for the submarine power-up; it's the only vehicle able to reach the evil Kat of Nine tails.



Adjust the config. to suit your own style of playing in the Options.



If you plan on getting anywhere, it's going to require a lot of effort and teamwork. Good luck!



- 1** Shoot the purple blocks as soon as you see them or you'll be in trouble!
- 2** A maze of coral blocks the caverns, so aim for the middle!
- 3** You will encounter many different creatures—use extreme caution!





If you can't reach a tall area, just give old Squeak a whistle and he'll help you.

If standing on your buddy's head isn't enough, just have him give you a toss!



Sometimes Squeak needs a helping hand. He'll wait for you.

Run up the hill, flip the switch and wait while Squeak takes a quick elevator ride.



You might be surprised at what happens when you give Squeak a swift kick!

The distant planet of Grool was once a peaceful land filled with wonderful coins and valuable gems. Now the evil Kat of Nine Tails has come up with a sinister plan to make sure nobody gets in its way of being the supreme ruler of Grool. That's where you come in! You're Bubble, a little boy with a big attitude. Don't worry though, you won't be alone on your quest. You will have the help of your fearless buddy Squeak, who has a constant craving for the sweet taste of bubblegum, and has even known to perform some unusual stunts from time to time. Remember what they say—two heads are better than one!



FACT FILE

BUBBLE AND SQUEAK

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
SUNSOFT	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
4 MEG	45
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	100%



One of Squeak's favorite things to do is chew bubblegum. I wonder why?



Experiment with the bubblegum. You can make cool things with it!

THE GOOD

There are plenty of different techniques, which allow for good replay value. Very challenging!

THE BAD

The shooter levels are too easy, even for its targeted audience—the younger players.

THE UGLY

This game falls into the category of being so cute that the Boss doesn't even appear to be ugly.



4 Some of the power-ups are hidden, but they are well worth going after.

5 The pipes can be very dangerous. They are leaking radioactive waste!

6 Finally, you've made it to the lair of the evil Kat of Nine Tails. Good luck!



GENESIS



PRINCE of PERSIA



You are an adventurer from a foreign land who has won the heart of the Sultan's daughter. Knowing you are a threat to his plans, the Grand Vizier has imprisoned you and you must escape the dungeons before he takes the throne.

Like the CD, this version contains all the elements and graphics that made the game a hit. There are plenty of dungeons loaded with guards and dozens of traps. Each level is like a puzzle that has to be solved in order to escape.

The graphics, although already good, are enhanced with some incredible character animations. The movements of the hero as he runs, jumps, climbs and fights are very impressive.



Level 2
The guards in this dungeon are more skilled than in the previous one.



Make sure not to run through the spikes and to walk slowly past them. There are plenty of new areas to discover.





Sword Fights

Gruesome Deaths



The prince is a sword master who must defeat the guards throughout the dungeon.



There are many pitfalls like spikes you can fall onto.

This guy didn't time his jump well enough.



You live by the sword, you die by the sword.



THE GOOD

The character animation is very smooth and the overall adventure will keep you playing.

THE BAD

The sword fighting can be frustrating because there is a bit of a delay in the action.

THE UGLY

There are plenty of graphically horrifying death scenes that the Prince can get into.



Level 1

1. This is where the Prince begins the level.
2. For drops that are more than one level down, hang onto the ledge directly below you to drop safely without injury.
3. Jump up to loosen the floor above and let it drop. Obtain the health vase if you need it. There are also other loose floors you can find.

4. Obtain the sword to the far left of the dungeon. You will need it to fight the guards in this and later levels.
5. Hang on to this piece of floor to open the door that leads out of the dungeon.



Level 3

There is more emphasis on your jumping and climbing skills here.



Beware of the skeleton guard near the end of the level. You must back it off into a pit. There are more cutters as well.

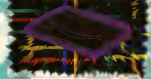


FACT FILE

PRINCE OF PERSIA



MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
TENGEN	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	FEBRUARY
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
8 MEG	12
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	100%



THE
LAWNMOWER
MAN

FACT FILE THE LAWNMOWER MAN

MANUFACTURER

TENGEN

OF PLAYERS

1 OR 2

DIFFICULTY

MODERATE

AVAILABLE

SEPTEMBER

CARTRIDGE SIZE

8 MEG

NUMBER OF LEVELS

6+

THEME

ACTION

% COMPLETE

60%

LEVEL 1

Level 1 is a side scrolling action level.



Shoot these to gain access into VR!

THE GOOD

This game has a cool story along with neat concepts like the virtual levels.

THE BAD

The virtual levels become a little tiring after a while.

THE UGLY

The way you feel after flying through all the virtual tunnels!

VIRTUAL 1

In this level, fly through a war zone where you target and destroy enemies. One of the arms on your suit is a gun that can be used for just that purpose!



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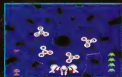
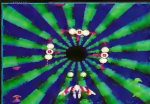
THE LAWNMOWER MAN

The Lawnmower Man is an exciting new game which was taken from the blockbuster hit of the same name. You are Dr. Angelo and you are trying to overcome the minion of the dreaded Shop. The game has several different styles of game play which include several different virtual reality levels that are sure to blow your mind! Fly in your Cyber Suit

through levels that pit you against some of the baddest creatures of the virtual reality frame. Good luck to you as you race through this mind-chilling adventure!

VIRTUAL 2

This level is a real test of your flying skills as you race through the tunnels. Enemies are everywhere, so attack by shooting. Sometimes by just being in the way can stop them.



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GRIND STORMER



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GRIND STORMER

MANUFACTURER

OF PLAYERS

TENDER

1

DIFFICULTY

AVAILABLE

MODERATE

APRIL

CARTRIDGE SIZE

NUMBER OF LEVELS

B MED

6

THEME

% COMPLETE

SHOOTER

99%

Blast your way through never-ending waves of the nastiest aliens in the super arcade smash hit! Choose the best weapon for the job. Stunning backgrounds, hordes of unearthly creatures and one simple mission—kill or be killed!

The game features over 65 stereo sounds, multi-layer scrolling backgrounds and an almost endless stream of alien tanks, space ships and other enemies. Blast everything in sight, but use your bombs wisely as you only have a limited number. Fight your way through levels of increasingly more powerful foes.

THE GOOD

This game has plenty of colorful graphics and decent background music to accompany the action.

THE BAD

The many weapons in the game aren't anything great and look a lot like weapons in other shooters.

THE UGLY

The side bar for the scores and bombs should have been left out. It makes the game seem like Truxton.

AWESOME WEAPONRY



FORWARD

Direct a blast of energy to the front.



SPECIAL

Extra wide shots kill most enemies.



BOMB

Last ditch effort to destroy enemies.

POD CONFIGURATIONS



WIDE

Sets your ship for a wider attack.



FOLLOW

Your pods follow your ship's flight.



SEARCH

Lets your pods seek out enemies.



These alien tanks are slow and make easy targets.

Dodge the blue ship and its relentless firepower.



Make your ship powerful enough to destroy this fortress.



Use the pod's Follow Mode to destroy this ship.



Weave your way around these huge floating islands.

These cylindrical enemies take a lot of hits to destroy.



Get your pods in Search Mode to destroy these ships.



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BUBBA 'N' STIX

THE GOOD

This game has really cool graphics and mind-bending puzzles that are sure to challenge everyone!

THE BAD

The only bad thing about this game is how slow the stick comes to you when you whistle.

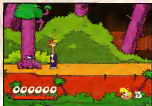
THE UGLY

The thing that follows you around on Level Two.

LEVEL 1



Level One starts in the forest where trees will follow you when you're not looking!

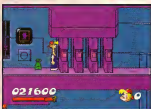


In this level, you can take time to learn the basic control of Stix. Solve the first few problems of the game—most of which are pretty simple.



Knock the rock onto the monster so it will bounce back to you.

Throw Stix at these aliens to get past the wall.



Now that you've passed the forest, it's on to the ship where the puzzles get more difficult.

LEVEL 2



There are four walls you have to get through in order to reach the exit. The switches to open the doors are all over the ship. This one is really tough!



Try to use this little guy to bounce out of you in the first puzzle!

The transporters will zap you to different levels of the ship.

Bubba has crash-landed on a weird planet after being kidnapped by an alien spaceship. In order to get back to Earth, Bubba needs your help using the friendly alien stick named Stix. You will have to figure out many mind-bending puzzles using Stix in many different ways. You can throw him, place him in a hole to use him as a ladder, or in a combination of moves that will get you out of a tight spot. Also foil the comical attempts by the aliens to kidnap you back. Good luck to you and

Bubba!



FACT FILE

BUBBA 'N' STIX

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
CORE	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
HARD	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
8 MEG	5
THEME	% COMPLETE
PUZZLE	90%

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KILLER OPTIONS!

This game has a lot of hilarious and deadly options you only dream of!



Choose play options like bribing the referee!



All the teams in this game have cool names and are dying to win—if they're not dead already!

MUTANT LEAGUE



FACT FILE MUTANT LEAGUE HOCKEY

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
ELECTRONIC ARTS	1 TO 4
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
16 MB	N/A
THEME	% COMPLETE
SPORTS	85%

THE GOOD

This game has a lot of really cool options that have never been seen before, which adds to the game!

THE BAD

The bad thing about this game is when the ice breaks open and your star player falls in!

THE UGLY

Everything in this game is pretty ugly, but this is what makes the game such a blast!

Hockey will never be the same once Mutant League Hockey hits the shelves! This game takes the best of the game of hockey and adds a mutant twist! Your players are all really ugly mutant dead guys that are out to smash the other team! The teams all have really cool names and there are a lot of different stadiums to play in. Nothing in this game is normal, even the nets come complete with nasty spikes in the back! And when the other team says that they're out to kill you, they mean it! Options in this game include being able to knock out the referee or even bribe him! Plenty of gruesome options make the game a sight to see! Be sure to check this one out as soon as you can!

THE FACEOFF!

During this game anything can happen—and it usually does!



Try to use your slap shot to put a goal through their goalie! Maybe you can sneak it in!



After a goal, the players boast about how good they are! But don't worry you'll get them next time around! And then you can brag!

There are many different stadiums you can play in. All of them have a different feel and look to them. All are fun!



Check out the spiked net and the hole in the ice. Don't let your guys fall in!



MUTANT LEAGUE HOCKEY

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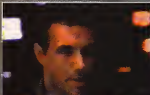
You are a pilot on a top secret mission with two other pilots to stop a shipment of chemicals from getting to the enemy. If these chemicals are released into the atmosphere, it could destroy the entire Western Hemisphere. You must stop that plane from carrying out its mission at all costs. The fate of the world is in your hands. This game is visually stunning and the cinemas are excellent. When the characters talk, you feel like you're sitting right next to them. The flying and dog-fighting sequences are top of the line. Watching the missiles seek and destroy is simply breathtaking.



Cinemas help tell the story...

The cast

The opening cinema gives us the scoop on our main characters. There is a heavy-duty storyline, with a little romance between our Tom Cruise-like hero (you) and the heroine. The old guy is your team leader and tells you about each mission.



Learn the objectives

It's in the briefing room that you'll discover what each of your mission objectives are. Every mission is different from the previous ones so you'd better listen closely. Full screen full-motion video really shines on scenes like these.

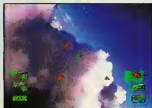


Take to the skies

After the mission briefing, it's time to head into the skies. Get familiar with the plane by studying the cockpit closely. So hop in the cockpit and get ready to do your country proud by blasting the enemy scum from the friendly skies. Watch the cinemas and get set for serious action!



Engage in combat!



This is your main view through the cockpit. Use the cursor to point at and activate objects such as the chaff, guns and targeting missiles.



Once the enemy is in your sights, fire a few rounds and watch the magic happen.

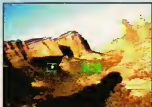


Watch the cinemas as you push the Launch button...

... view the flying missile ...



...target the enemy and KABOOM! one dead enemy.



Check out some of the beautiful scenery while you are flying.



When this flashes on your screen, a bogey is following close on your tail.



Fiery death awaits!

Shooting down enemy planes is a blast. What's even more fun is watching them

go up in fiery flames! Various angles and pictures help bring the action to life.



The greatest part about all these explosions is that you never see the same one over and over again. With at least five different views of each one, it doesn't get old!



THE GOOD

The cinemas and the feeling of being in the cockpit are the strongest points in this game.

THE BAD

The pixilation of the pictures gets annoying, but the game still isn't finished yet.

THE UGLY

Knowing what the poor Joe in the other cockpit looks like as he is burning away in his plane.

FACT FILE TOMCAT ALLEY



MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
SEGA	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
CD-ROM	N/A
THEME	% COMPLETE
SIMULATION	40%

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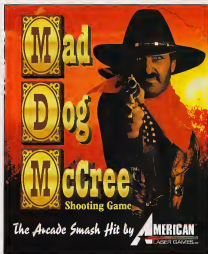
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Outlaw Mad Dog McCree and his henchmen have taken over a wild west frontier town, locked the sheriff in his own jail, and kidnapped the mayor and his daughter. Sharp shooting is a must in this arcade classic where the player must save the town, rescue the mayor and his daughter, and triumph in a final showdown against Mad Dog himself.



It's the Rolicking '30s and someone has killed popular singer Johnny Rock in this action-packed gangster whodunit. The player will need to navigate the back streets, gaming halls, funeral parlors and the dirty sections of this city to get at the clues held by a number of shady characters and solve this murder mystery. Bad guys with machine guns provide a high level of challenge.



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The Deli Lama is hosting a tournament and sending out private invitations to each of the participants. Every character has his/her own unique motives for entering and trying to win.

Cute characters with loads of adorable animations fill this new fighting game. Look for tons of special moves and strategy involving the accumulation of Karma. Each character actually becomes a better fighter as he/she continues to win. You will start with a white belt. And if you continue beating other opponents, you will receive a higher ranking belt. Fight against the best in the world for the title.

COOL CINEMAS!

MANY STAGES!



THE GOOD

Many characters to pick from and awesome cinemas really got my attention.

THE BAD

Gee, where's the blood? Hey Congressman, this one's for you.

THE UGLY

What would happen if they made a chicken fighter? Hmm ... Sumo Chicken...



KUNG-FU BUNNY



TAI CHEETAH



KENDO COYOTE



FOXY ROXY



IVAN

FACT FILE
BRUTAL

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
GAMETEK	1 OR 2
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	2ND QTH '94
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
CG-ROM	10
THEME	% COMPLETE
FIGHTING	50%



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Bool Fans of the 3DO system now have a Castle Wolfenstein-type game they can play: *Escape From Monster Manor*! This is a first-person perspective game where you are armed with a handgun and must battle from top to bottom of a haunted mansion! On each floor, there is a piece of the Talisman you must assemble. On each floor, there is a series of monsters and enemies you must destroy in order to get your Talisman piece. With creepy sound effects and graphics, play at your own risk—*Escape of Monster Manor*!

THE GOOD

Great graphics and sound effects with huge levels to explore. The best release for the 3DO yet!

THE BAD

The Floating Heads and the way they can kill you when you don't even see them!

THE UGLY

The corpse hanging from the roof and close-ups of the Floating Heads!



FACT FILE ESCAPE FROM MONSTER MANOR

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
ELECTRONIC ARTS	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	NOW
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
CG-ROM	12
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	100%

HELPFUL ITEMS:

Coins and Diamonds:



5,000 pts. 1,000 pts. 2,000 pts.



Coins and Diamonds exist solely to give you points. If you collect 500,000 points, you will receive an extra life and yell "Yipee!"

The Talisman:



Put the Talisman Together!



On each floor is a piece of the Talisman. You cannot leave a floor until you have found a piece of it. On some floors, the piece is heavily guarded. Beware!

Keys & 1-Ups:



Keys will open any of the closed doors. To use a key, face the closed door and press the B button. You can also shut a door you have opened by pressing B again. You will not be able to use a key to re-open a door you have closed. Hearts are extremely rare, but they will give you an extra life.

Power-Ups & First Aid:



Gun power-ups will give your weapon 20 additional units of gun power (you will start each floor with a maximum of 100 units). Each shot uses five units of power. Health power-ups will give 20 units of life. Like your gun, you will also start each floor with 100 units. Your life meter is diminished with each hit you take.

ESCAPE FROM M

You can also use your hand on the screen as a Life Meter! With each hit you take from the many enemies, your hand holding the gun will get more and more decrepit. Be careful when using your hand as a Life Meter, though, because it is difficult to tell exactly how many hits you can still take!



100 Health



80 Health



60 Health



40 Health



20 Health



2 Health

Twelve Floors of Terror and Monsters Await: Find the Talisman Pieces!

Beastly Belfry:

This is the top floor of the Manor and the simplest floor. The Grim Reapers are the primary enemies here. There are some illusions like ghosts that appear momentarily and then disappear. They will do you no harm. Also keep an eye open for the Floating Heads. These will cause a lot of trouble on the later levels as they spit deadly green goo! They can take away a whole life.



Evil Attic:

The next floor down is the attic. The enemies are the same as the preceding floors, except they are greater in number. Some rooms will have armies of Grim Reapers, and the floating heads spit more of their goo at you and move at faster speeds. Shoot the green goo to keep it from hitting you. Take caution here and slowly enter each room by peeking around corners.



Rooms of Gloom:

A few floors down lie the Rooms of Gloom. There are new enemies this time, including ghosts. These spirits will rush you with knives. Once they pick up your trail, they will keep coming after you. Deter them by closing doors behind you as you move around. The Floating Heads are also on this floor and are at their deadliest! Look at the statues on this floor.



MONSTER MANOR

JAGUAR

ALIEN

VERSUS

PREDATOR

THE GOOD

Nice graphics plus a variety of weapons and strategy will keep the gamer playing this cart for hours.

THE BAD

The graphics get a bit pixelated when you get very close to certain objects.

THE UGLY

The Alien and Predator when you see them up close—UGLY!



FACT FILE

ALIEN VS. PREDATOR

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
ATARI	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	APRIL
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
N/A	3
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	45%

The deadliest alien life forms in the galaxy are thrown together into the same space station and must fight it out to survive. Also thrown into the mix is a Colonial Marine Alien vs. Predator is hitting the Jaguar and it offers a new perspective to the theme: A first-person view where one can play as either of the title characters, or go at it as a Colonial Marine. Each of the characters has his/her own weapon systems and strengths/weaknesses. For example, the Alien is very fast, but does not have the complex and powerful weapon systems of the other two fighters. The Colonial Marine must find ammunition for his weapons, but he can plug into any of the computer terminals located around the station. And the Predator has probably the most complex weapon systems of all in addition to heat-seeking vision.

ICONS, OTHER ITEMS AND ACTIONS TO PERFORM:

FUEL AND AMMO:

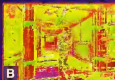
As the Colonial Marine, you must pick up extra ammunition and fuel for the weapons you will use throughout the game.

OPEN DOORS:

There are several elevators and rooms you will need to use to inspect for items. Be careful when opening doors!



PLUG INTO THE COMPUTER AND FIGHT IT OUT:



SURVIVAL:

The Colonial Marine must use the computer terminal to get updates on the station's situation from time to time (A). Use the Predator's infra-red vision to spot enemies (B). Blast the Predator before he cloaks himself (C). In the dark corners of the station, you will find the Alien's eggs (D). Ugh, facehuggers!



THE ALIEN:



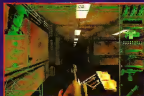
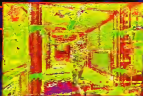
The deadly Alien is the fastest moving of the three characters in the game. It has three weapons of attack: a long tail to snap at enemies; smaller extendible jaws for lightning strikes to use on enemies at a distance; and its deadly claws with long nails to slice. The Alien has to keep watch for the Colonial Marine, and more importantly, its archenemy—the Predator! The Alien sees things in normal view and has the selection of only the three aforementioned weapons. The Alien has the advantage of not having to find extra ammo.



PREDATOR:



The Predator has some of the most complex weapons in the game! It has several weapon systems including: a razor-sharp throwable disc, a retractable hand knife, a guided shoulder laser and his power-fist. It also has several lines of sight including thermal heat-seeking vision, where anything living will show up in bright red. Its archenemy is the Alien, but the Colonial Marine is an almost equal match. In addition, it has a voice sampler to listen to its enemies' dialects as well as the ability to make itself invisible with a cloaking device.



COLONIAL MARINE:



The last warrior is the Colonial Marine, who, like the Predator, has a variety of weapons and items he needs to use. He also has computer skills which are incredibly useful on the many computer terminals located around the station. He is armed with a Pulse Rifle, Flame Thrower, Pistol and Knife. His enemies are the equally hated Predator and Alien, with the added menace of facehuggers plied against him, too. He must constantly find ammunition located around the base to replenish his supply.

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SPACE ACE



FACT FILE

SPACE ACE

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
PHILIPS	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
EASY	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
CD-ROM	N/A
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	95%

INFANTO RAY



Borf has zapped Space Ace with the Infanto Ray, transforming him into the young and weak Dexter. Find a way to return Space Ace to his original form.

HINTS



Directions and items will flash, giving you a clue as to what you must do to make it out alive.



Borf, a local and hostile blue alien, has decided earthlings are fit to be enslaved. Using the powers of the Infanto Ray, he plots to zap all earthlings into helpless Infants. But before putting his plans into action, he runs into our hero Space Ace who means to put an end to Borf's evil scheme. As Ace races to save the human race from slavery, Borf hits him with a dose of the Infanto Ray and kidnaps his girl Kimberly. Space Ace is too much man to be turned into a baby. Instead, he turns into his younger counterpart, Dexter, who must now rescue his girlfriend and stop Borf's attack.

KIMBERLY



Throughout your quest you will get messages from Kimberly demanding rescue from the clutches of Borf. It is up to you to foil Borf's plans and save Kimberly.

ENERGIZE

Your watch will occasionally alert you to let you know when you can transform into Space Ace for a short while.

You can either change to Space Ace or make it through the scene as Dexter.



THE OOD

This game is almost identical to its arcade counterpart.

THE OAD

Once you map the game's moves, it is easy to finish, leaving little for replay.

THE UOY

Borf ... the ugliest baby I have EVER seen!



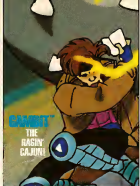
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HOTEL MARIO



FACT FILE HOTEL MARIO

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
PHILIPS	1 OR 2
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MAY
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
CD-ROM	80
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	80%

In Hotel Mario from Philips Fantasy Factory, jump, stomp and romp through the Mushroom Kingdom with Nintendo favorites Mario and Luigi.

Attempt to rescue their friend Princess Toadstool from the clutches of Bowser, King of the evil Koopaling clan.

Bowser and his Koopaling children have taken over each of the seven hotels in the kingdom. It's up to Mario and Luigi to outsmart the Koopaling's clever traps laid out for them along the way and get to the princess in time!

An original CD-quality soundtrack, animated sequences of Mario and Luigi, plus incredible graphics make Hotel Mario a truly unique game.

LOOK FOR THESE ICONS TO HELP MARIO AND LUIGI THROUGH EACH LEVEL



MUSHROOM

Allows Mario to take one hit.



STAR

Turns Mario and Luigi invincible.



FLOWER

Lets Mario shoot bouncing fireballs.



PLUMBER HATERS

Those are the bad guys.



THE GOON

Aside from the CD music, the sound effects are very impressive, especially when hooked to your stereo.

THE BAD

The levels get repetitive at times, but the increasing difficulty and different stages make the game fun.

THE UGLY

Some of the levels can play pretty cheap with enemies that just keep coming at you.

OTHER ICONS FOR THE PLUMBERS



GOLD COIN

Got as many coins as possible. Collect 30 for an extra guy.



BEACH BALL

Worth 10 coins, those make it easier to get an extra guy.

Morton's
Woodpecker
HOTEL

LEVEL ONE

Close all the doors in the tree hotel and climb up toward the top.



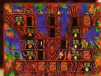
Practice moves in the first stage.

Koopas make their appearance here.

There are tons of caterpillars here.

MORTON'S TREEHOUSE O' PAIN

It takes two bounces on Morton's head to temporarily knock him off screen. Be careful not to meet him in an elevator or he'll eat you up.



LEVEL TWO

Closing doors becomes tougher because the enemies are tougher.



The elevators are spread out more.

The lights will dim, disrupting your view.

Watch out for the parabomb!

ROY'S ROWDY ROOFTOP

Like Morton, you must bounce on Roy's head twice. Make sure to keep from being directly on top or below him or he'll punch you out.



Roy's
Hard Block
HOTEL

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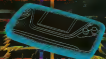
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SUPER NINTENDO





Aladdin

A laddin is a street rat who has no home or money. He lives day to day with his monkey Abu. One day the palace guards catch Aladdin and put him in the dungeon. He escapes and finds a magic lamp with a genie inside. This begins the tale of Aladdin. Aladdin's for the Game Gear and is based on the smash hit movie by Disney. The levels are comprised of scenes straight from the movie. The chase sequences are neat, and the rug ride is spectacular. This is one game to watch for this year!

Level 1: Escape the guards



In the first level you must run from the guards while dodging objects thrown at you. Save Jasmine at the end of the level.



Level 2: Roof jumping with Jasmine



To finish this extremely cool level, jump from roof to roof.



Make sure you jump with caution over the barrels on the roof.



Beat the level and you will be treated to a cinema from the movie.

THE GOOD

The graphics are top-notch and the game runs so smooth you forget you're playing a video game.

THE BAD

The game moves very fast and is sometimes a little difficult.

THE UGLY

Just knowing what Aladdin looks like after he takes a plunge off of the rooftops over Agrabah.

Jafar strikes!



This is Jafar the snake. Let's see if you can even get to him, let alone beat him. Try jumping over the fire he spits at you and go in for the attack.

Aladdin

FACT FILE

ALADDIN

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
SEGA	1
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	MAY
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
4 MB	7
THEME	% COMPLETE
ACTION	90%

The Rug Ride

Join Aladdin for a harrowing rug ride!



This is the Rug Riding Level in this version of Aladdin. It is a graphic feast and is a treat to play, too. Obstacles come from nowhere and try to strike you from your rug. This level is probably the most intense level in the game.

1) Watch out for the rocks. 2) Look for these flame pillars and avoid them. 3) Watch for this stone gator and fly underneath.

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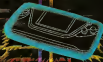
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MICRO MACHINES



FACT FILE MICRO MACHINES

MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
CODEMASTERS	1 TO 2
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
MODERATE	FEBRUARY
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
2 MEG	27
THEME	% COMPLETE
RACING	95%

This game does not look very good at first glance. But once you play it you'll be hooked. It's intense! The levels are great and the constant changing of cars adds to the increased difficulty. There are about 16 cars to choose from, including a monster truck which you get to drive on the Bonus Levels. The look and feel of each car is quite unique. The sports car is quick, but it's difficult to handle for tight corners. The 4x4 is slow, but allows for much more control. The Two-Player Option is great when your buddy is around. You can also choose from 11 different characters. Rev it up!



Go in the corner pocket and come out the side.



On the breakfast table, drive over a cereal box.



Dodge the dunes—they they slow you down.



Bash heads with the system and try to stay on top.

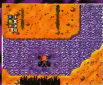


Hard to choose to play a one- or two-player game.



Fall from the table and you will die.

You need to qualify in each race to move on.

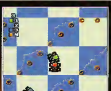


Stay out of the water or else you will be delayed.



If you fail to win the game, it is over during the Qualifying Round.

This challenging level is on the breakfast table. Bon appetit!



If you come in first on every level, you get to try this Bonus Level for a free life.

AWESOME LEVELS!



This driveway has many oil spills, bolts and screws.

Play an unusual game of pool here. Watch your speed.



THE GOOD

This game is addictive. I found myself not wanting to put it down to write this article.

THE BAD

The screen is very small (being a GG) and moves too quickly. My eyes hurt when I was done.

THE UGLY

Watching your poor car fall off the table and the terrible sensation you get when you're about to lose.

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SUPER OFF ROAD

This is a really good translation of the arcade classic. Super Off Road is graphically fantastic and just plain fun to play. The purpose of the game is to try and place first in as many races as possible. While racing, you earn money to better your 4x4. Between races, you are given the option to buy items such as: nitro, engine (make the truck go faster), Accelerator box (make the car start from a dead stop quicker), tires (make tighter turns) and shocks (keep the truck from bouncing as much). The more of these items you have on your truck, the better it will run allowing for more speed.

THE GOOD

The graphics in this game are exceptional. I also like the options to better your car.

THE BAD

The screen moves very slowly and it is sometimes hard to control the car properly.

THE UGLY

Having to start over from the beginning because you lost too many races.

ICONS

NITRO



Use the nitro to launch yourself away from the pack.

MONEY



These are nitro boosters and money bags. Nitro is good for getting out of tight situations and blasting your way to victory. Money bags are bonuses you get after each race to buy enhancements and power-ups for your racing truck.



Nitros are great for a big boost ahead of the pack.



Buy parts here to improve your car's performance.



Keep out of the water or you will lose!



TRACK 5

This is a map of Track 5 Fandango. It is easy to place first here.



This is where you start. The better accelerator box you have, the quicker the start you'll get.

FACT FILE

SUPER OFF ROAD



MANUFACTURER	# OF PLAYERS
TELEGAMES	1 TO 4
DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
HARD	MARCH
CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS
2 MEG	32
THEME	% COMPLETE
RACING	100%

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LOG Glitters at WCES

Sure it looks like an ordinary log, and it is. Nonetheless, it was the rage of WCES—and the Las Vegas strip.

From Mario's Metropolis to Sonic's City, log was evident everywhere. A number of seminars extolled the virtues of log, while nine out of 10 conversations centered on log. When people weren't talking about it, body language

made it clear log wasn't far from their minds.

The log phenomenon sparked industry observer Frank Kurtz to say, "Kids just love log. It's good to see that technology companies are finally recognizing the merits of said tree portion."

But with the coming age of the electronic superhighway, will log be rendered obsolete? "Gosh, no!" shouted Kurtz, "Because when you stop and think about it, you can't beat log for overall versatility."

Regardless of what the future holds for log, one thing is clear: it was a bona fide multimedia smash at the 1994 WCES.

A Flatter World of TV

Panasonic brought the possibility of the hang-on-your-wall-TV one step closer when it debuted Flat Vision TV at WCES. The 14 inch diagonal TV measures less than four inches deep.

Unlike other flat screen TVs that use LCD or plasma display technology, the new Flat Vision TV employs innovative new "active beam matrix" technology to deliver a picture with bright, vivid colors and image definition normally associated with conventional CRT sets. It also yields a wider viewing angle and is less susceptible to wash out in bright light.

Active beam matrix technology is similar in principle to the cathode ray tube used in most of today's

TVs. In the new Flat Vision set, the picture is created through illumination of screen phosphors by electrons fired from a beam source. However, unlike a CRT, Flat Vision divides the screen into a matrix of



10,000 unit screens. A separate electron beam is used for each segment.

Playmates Goes Video

Playmates Toys Inc., maker of toy action figures, announced at WCES they are entering the video game business.

Perennial king of the action figure category with its Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Star Trek: The Next Generation lines, Playmates previewed its first game titles for both the Super Nintendo and Genesis at WCES.

The company showcased two cartridge-based games scheduled for fall 1994

releases: Star Trek: Deep Space Nine and Exo-Squad, based on the Universal Cartoon Network syndicated series.

"Our expertise is marketing quality products to boys, as evidenced by our successes with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Star Trek and Exo Squad action figure lines," noted Richard Sallis, president of Playmates Toys. "We believe many of the toy properties we acquire will also make excellent video game properties."

NOW NOT AVAILABLE ANYMORE - LOG!



When kids down stairs, where do they go?
Kids love their mother's car!
What's great for a snack,
and it's an ever-lover!
It's best! Cool! Cool!

CULTURE SOURCE FOR EGM READERS

AT&T Edge 16 has Potential

As a sign of growing support, five major video game developers are demonstrating video games for the Edge 16 product by AT&T that will let remote users of Sega Genesis systems play games together while simultaneously talking to each other over standard phone lines.

GameTek, The Imagination Network, FF Magic, Sega and U.S. Gold are the first developers to show games that take advantage of the Edge 16 modem device, which plugs into the Genesis game slot and offers simultaneous voice and data capabilities made possible by AT&T's VoiceSpan technology. "Soon, everyone will be

playing games by phone—it's inevitable," said John Bermingham, AT&T Consumer Products vice president for the Advanced Communications Technologies Group. "The fun of having a conversation while playing a game together, regardless of distance, is now a reality. We expect a large number of leading third-party developers to take advantage of this technology before it hits store shelves."

More than a dozen entertainment companies have announced their support for the Edge 16 product,



and are evaluating opportunities to produce compatible versions of their games. These companies include Acclaim, Crystal Dynamics, EA Sports, Microprose, Spectrum Holobyte, etc.

Interactive...Vest!?!?

As the race for a piece of the virtual reality intensifies, Aura Systems staked its claim by introducing one of the first VR peripherals designed specifically for the video game industry. The interactor virtual vest is worn over the upper torso and adds a sensation of feeling to the sight and sounds of video games.

"It's a revolutionary video game accessory," said Aura Systems senior vice president Larry Shultz. "Players can feel everything from the boom

of a hard-driving soundtrack to the thump of an uppercut to the jaw."

Interactor works by "listening" to any game system's audio output, triggering an Aura magnetic actuator within the vest's core, which in turn creates body-pulsing vibrations keyed to the on-screen action. Controls allow the output to be fine-tuned from a feather to intense pound-

ing. Interactor is expected in retail outlets later this year with a suggested retail price under \$90.



Ratings a Hot Topic at Show

As hot as any new game introduced at WCES was the topic of a rating system for video games.

After three separate meetings with the Better Business Bureau, the Software Publishers Association and the Motion Pictures Association of America, several video game hardware and software companies convened in an effort to come up with a feasible rating system for games. The group hopes to hammer out an agreement before the U.S. government intervenes and imposes its own designations.

Jack Heistand, Electronic Arts senior VP of Marketing is chairman of the committee which includes representatives from Acclaim, Atari, Nintendo, Phillips, Sega and 3DO.

It just ain't right...

Nobody's too sure who this character is, but he was spotted near the MicroSoft booth reading the biggest and best video game mag. We think he might be a reincarnation of the dragon Grendel from the old Atari 2600 "Adventure" cartridge.



Not a Splendid Spring for Spidey

That's right, Spider-Fans, Spidey might be looking at a bumper summer after he learns in next month's *Amazing Spider-Man* #388 about the truth behind his parent's murderers.

Hellbent on revenge, Spidey takes on more of a cave-skull-in-first-ask-questions-later persona. The Web-Slinger's deep seeded rage touches off a four-part miniseries appropriately entitled *Pursuit*, in which he hunts down the people who killed his parents.

If a meaner, nastier Spider-Man is what you're looking for, don't miss this 64 page Marvel mega-book.

Batman & Spawn to Team Up!!!

An all-time favorite teams up with comics' most popular contemporary hero when DC Comics Batman and Todd McFarlane's Spawn team up in *Batman-Spawn: War Devil*.

The special Prestige Format one-shot follows Spawn's visit to Gotham City, where he hopes to exercise the ghosts of his former life. The Caped Crusader, alarmed by the uninvited, undead guest, decides to look into this strange phenomenon. As the body counts rise, the Dark Knight's pursuit intensifies. But will the confrontation between Spawn and the Dark Knight result in the cataclysmic Devils War? Or will the two vigilantes reconcile their differences to save Spawn's soul and Batman's city.

Extreme Presses Fast Forward

The month of May heralds a bold, innovative move by Image Comics

when *Bloodstrike, Brigade* and *Supreme* jump to issue #25. That's right, the books will fast forward to issue #25.

"We [at Image] are big fans of future books. No speculation is involved here—this is precisely where these books will be at this point in the future, all the way down to the letters' pages and the advertisements," says Extreme

editor Eric Stephenson. "In fact, clues were planted in both *Youngblood* #0 and *Supreme* #7 that initiated the story which unfolds in late '95."

The regular sequencing of these books will return to normal in June and will skip issue #25 when the appropriate time comes.

Battlestone a leader of *Youngblood*? An evil *Supreme*? If this sounds wild to you, check out these upcoming Image books.



This month in HERO



Turn to issue nine of HERO for the latest and greatest comics news. The intensity begins with the wickedly cool Pitt cover by Keown. Inside, read all about comics legend Grant Morrison, find out if Valiant Comics has lost its soul, and check out the killer fact files featuring Wolverine, Captain Marvel and the Savage Dragon.

This month in CARDS



Fleer's first major comic card release, Ultra X-Men, is featured in CARDS ILLUSTRATED #3. There's a look at the history of X-Men cards and Marvel promo cards. Each issue is poly-bagged with three cards from an exclusive nine-card set from Extreme Studios, featuring some of the comic company's new characters.

Disney to Crank Up Animation Output

In an announcement that is good news for just about everybody, Buena Vista Television is cranking up its "Disney Afternoon" animated block for the fall 1994 season.

The \$50 million dollar investment will bring "Disney's Aladdin" to the small screen in a 65 episode series as well as two new program showcases—"Monday Mania" and "Action Friday."

"With these two new creative arenas," said Gary Krisel, President, Walt Disney Television, Animation "we will present a fast-paced kick-off to start the week on Monday and an exciting, action-filled half-hour to end the week on Friday."

The Shnookums & Meat Funny Cartoon Show is the first series to debut under the "Monday Mania" umbrella, presenting a collection of three irreverent cartoon shorts in each weekly, half-four episode.

Premiering in September on "The Disney Afternoon" is *Disney's Aladdin* a new, Monday through Friday series that will re-create the wonder and adventure of Disney's 1992 box office blockbuster.

Young viewers will take a daily magic carpet ride to adventure with the brave and resourceful Aladdin, his spirited fiancee Jasmine, the zany, metamorphosing Genie of the Lamp and the obnoxious parrot Iago. *Aladdin* is produced by Tad Stones and Alan Zaslove, who also worked on *Darwing Duck* and features the voices of Scott Weinger (*Aladdin*), Linda Larkin (*Jasmine*), Dan Castellaneta—who is also the voice of Homer Simpson (*Genie*), and

Gilbert Gottfried reprises his role as the monkey Iago.

The most intriguing of the new series will debut on "Action Friday" just prior to Halloween, 1994. *Gargoyles* is Walt Disney Television's first dramatic series and will employ new animation technologies, special effects and high quality art. The saga unfolds each Friday afternoon over an initial 13 episodes, within the half-hour preceding *Disney's Aladdin*.

Weaving together mystery, drama and suspense, *Gargoyles* introduces the audience to characters based on the grotesque, stone sentinels which adorn European castles and cathedrals.

In the series, *Gargoyles* were once powerful creatures who came alive at sunset as the vigilant protectors of a medieval Scottish fortress. Led by Gargoyle Goliath, these fantastic creatures defeated all attackers until they were betrayed and placed under a sorcerer's spell.

Condemned to sleep through night and day for a millennium, the Gargoyles lay frozen in stone through the centuries, undisturbed even when shipped across the ocean and reinstated high atop one of New York's imposing skyscrapers.

In modern-day Manhattan, no one gives these menacing statues a passing glance ... until the spell is broken. The Gargoyles still sleep, stone statues by day. But when the sun goes down, they awaken—powerful, majestic heroes of the night, dedicated to protecting New York City from modern-day barbarians.

"*Gargoyles* is produced by



Frank Fear, and features a vocal cast that includes Keith David, Ed Asner, Marina Sirtis and Bill Fagerbakke.



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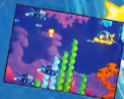
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